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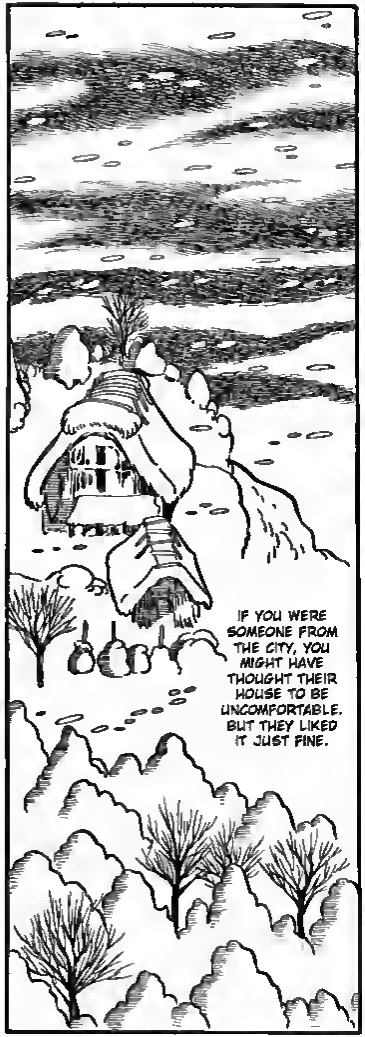
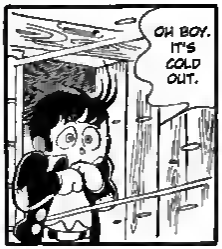
TIGERLAND

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A SMALL ISLAND OFF THE SEAS OF JAPAN. AS FOR ITS NAME, YOU CAN GIVE IT ANY NAME YOU LIKE. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO WHERE YOU LIVE. OR IT MAY HAVE NOT. ON THE ISLAND THERE LIVED A BROTHER AND A SISTER. THE BOY'S NAME WAS HAJIMU, AND THE GIRL'S NAME WAS AINO.

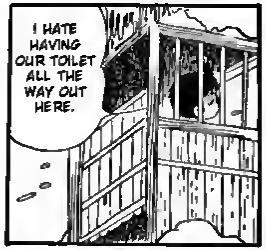

IF YOU WERE SOMEONE FROM THE CITY, YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THEIR HOUSE TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT THEY LIKED IT JUST FINE.

...PASSED AWAY A LONG TIME AGO.
EVERY YEAR THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ON THE ISLAND GREW SMALLER AND SMALLER, UNTIL ONE YEAR...
THEY LIVED IN THE HOUSE WITH JUST THEIR GRANDMOTHER.
THEIR FATHER LEFT FOR THE MAINLAND TO FIND WORK FOUR YEARS AGO, BUT NEVER RETURNED. THEIR MOTHER...


OH BOY. IT'S COLD OUT.

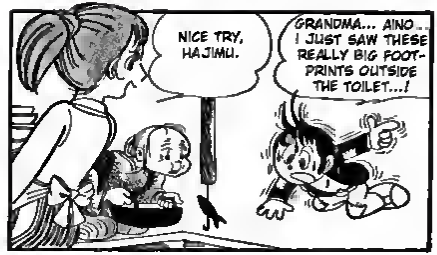
THE ONLY HOUSES LEFT WERE HAJIMU'S AND OLD MAN YAJIROBE'S.

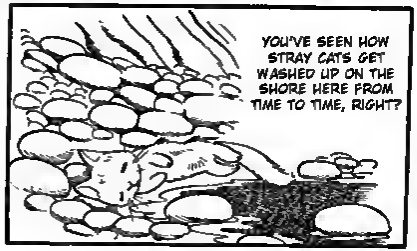
...? SOMEONE THERE?


I HATE HAVING OUR TOILET ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.

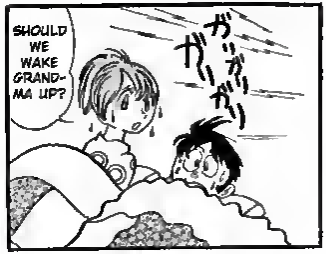
BRR...

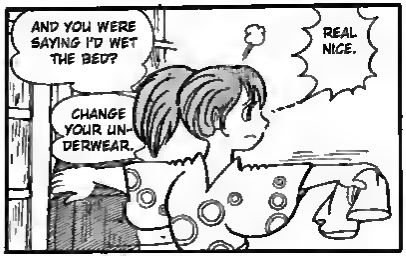
UWAH!!





BANG ON THE DOOR





HURRY, LET'S HIDE IT IN HERE.
WE'LL LET IT SLEEP ON YOUR FUTON.
MY FUTON? WHY DO WE HAVE TO GIVE IT MY FUTON?
IT'S HURT, HAJIMU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
UMM... AINO.. IT'S EYES ARE OPEN...
LET'S GET IT A HOT WATER BOTTLE TOO.
I SUPPOSE I'M GOING TO GO GET THAT TOO?
EEK!
GRRRR!!!
IT'S LOOKING RIGHT AT US...

HELP!!!
GET OFF MY SISTER!!
DON'T YOU KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO HELP YOU?!
GYAH!!!
YOWCH!
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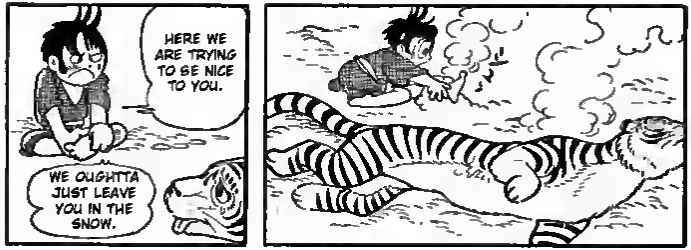
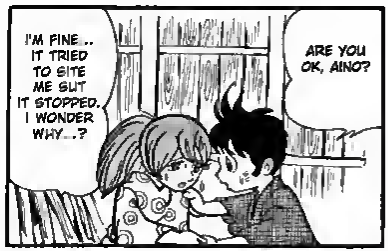
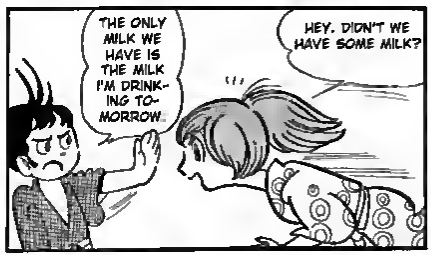
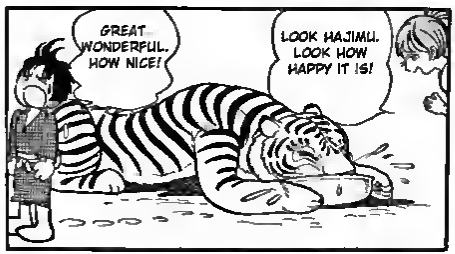


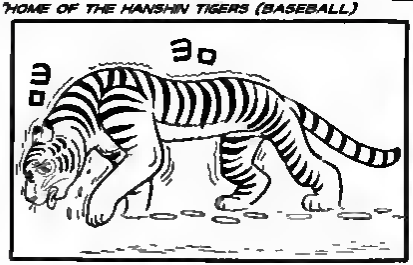


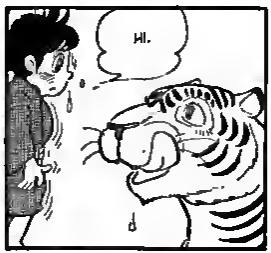


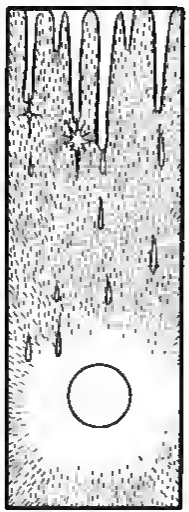


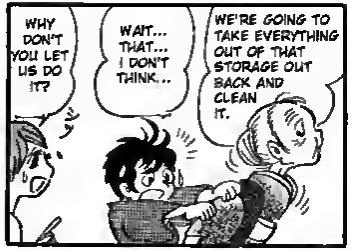
THEN IF IT DIES I'LL SHAVE ITS SKIN AND SELL IT.
WELL, I GET TO KEEP IT SINCE I GAVE IT ALL MY STUFF.
HANSHIN* MIGHT PAY ME A LOT FOR IT!

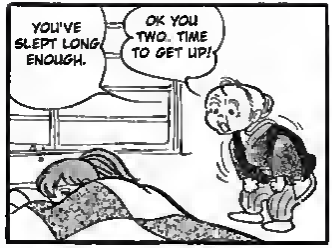
*HOME OF THE HANSHIN TIGERS (BASEBALL)

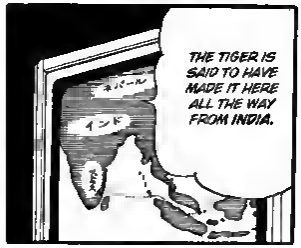


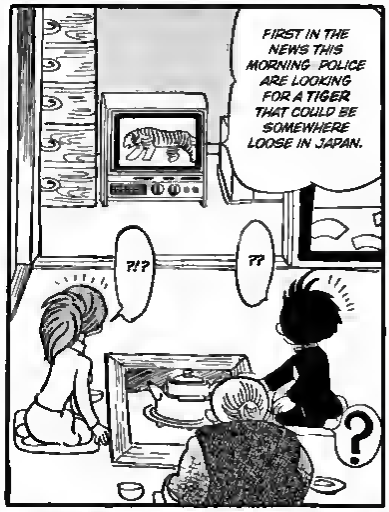





WHY DON'T YOU LET US DO IT?
WAIT... THAT... I DON'T THINK...
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF THAT STORAGE OUT BACK AND CLEAN IT.


YOU'VE SLEPT LONG ENOUGH.
OK YOU TWO. TIME TO GET UP!


THE TIGER IS SAID TO HAVE MADE IT HERE ALL THE WAY FROM INDIA.


FIRST IN THE NEWS THIS MORNING. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A TIGER THAT COULD BE SOMEWHERE LOOSE IN JAPAN.
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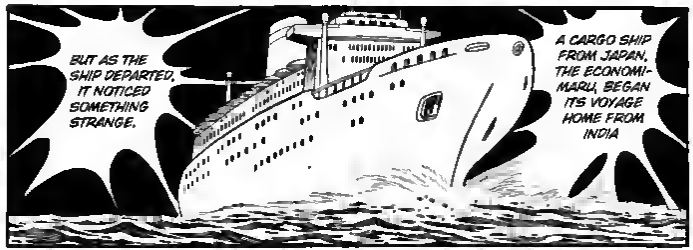
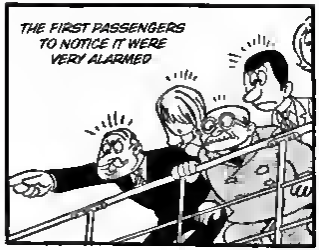
AROUND TWO MONTHS AGO...


BUT AS THE SHIP DEPARTED, IT NOTICED SOMETHING STRANGE.
A CARGO SHIP FROM JAPAN, THE ECONOMI-MARU, BEGAN ITS VOYAGE HOME FROM INDIA

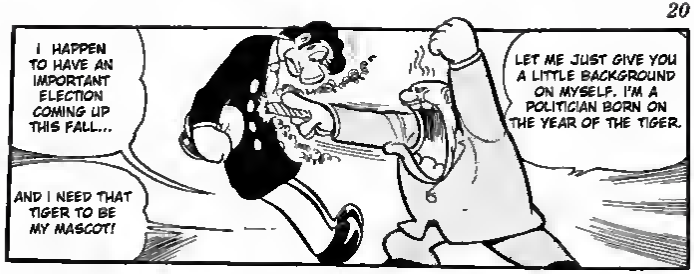

THE FIRST PASSENGERS TO NOTICE IT WERE VERY ALARMED

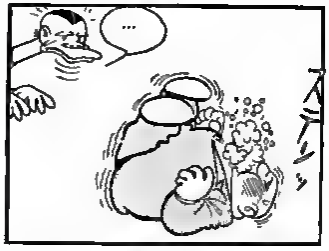
WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THAT SHIP FOUND STARTS OUR TRAGIC, TOUCHING TALE.
THERE WAS A TIGER, SWIMMING BEHIND THE SHIP, TRYING AS HARD AS IT COULD TO NOT BE LEFT BEHIND.

ALL RIGHT, GO BACK NOW, TIGEY... I DON'T HAVE ANY FOOD FOR YOU.
OH MY GOODNESS... IS THAT A TIGER? HOW DID IT SWIM OUT HERE?

IT MUST WANT SOMETHING FROM THIS SHIP.
LET ME SEE THE LIST OF OUR PASSENGER'S CARGO.
PLEASE DO.
HEY, CAP'N.
MAY I COME IN?
HERE IT IS.
ONE BABY TIGER.
GOT HIM OUT IN THE JUN-GLE.
CUTE LITTLE GUY, AIN'T HE?
ABOUT YOUR TIGER THERE.
I WAS HOPING TO SPEAK TO YOU...

THE MOTHER CAUGHT US WHILE WE WERE TAKING IT, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO SCARE HER BACK IN THE TREES WITH A FEW GUNSHOTS.
ME AND THE BOYS WERE OUT DOING SOME TIGER HUNTING NEAR HYDERABAD, SEE, AND THAT'S WHEN I HAPPENED TO COME ACROSS IT.
IF IT'S A PROBLEM, WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHOOT IT?
WELL, THAT MOTHER IS SWIMMING OUT BEHIND THIS SHIP AS WE SPEAK.
IT WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK. IS THERE ANYWAY YOU COULD RETURN THE BABY TO HIS MOTHER?
I'M SURE SHE'D BE VERY HAPPY.
IT'S OUT THERE TRYING SO HARD TO KEEP UP.
BUT THAT SEEMS SO CRUEL.


I HAPPEN TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ELECTION COMING UP THIS FALL...
AND I NEED THAT TIGER TO BE MY MASCOT!
LET ME JUST GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON MYSELF. I'M A POLITICIAN BORN ON THE YEAR OF THE TIGER.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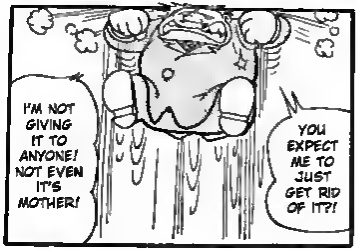
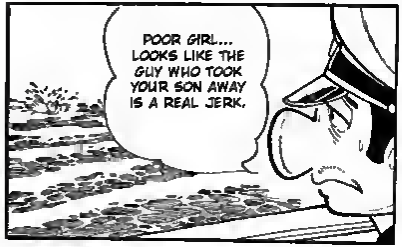
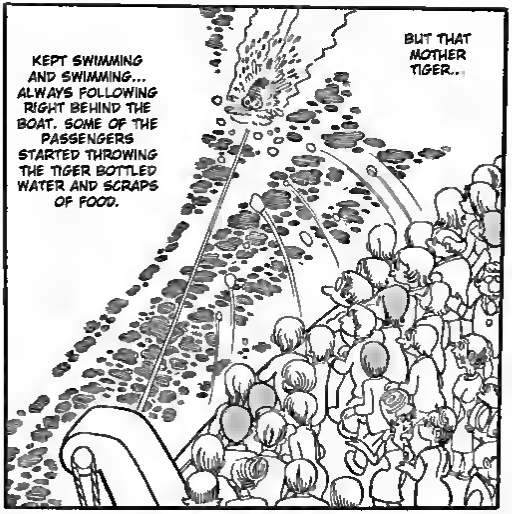

I'M NOT GIVING IT TO ANYONE! NOT EVEN IT'S MOTHER!
YOU EXPECT ME TO JUST GET RID OF IT?!

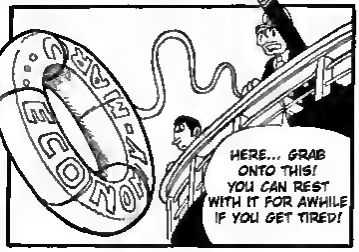
GOT TOO EXCITED. STARTED FOAMING AT THE MOUTH.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH? GET OUT OF HERE! AND DON'T COME BACK!

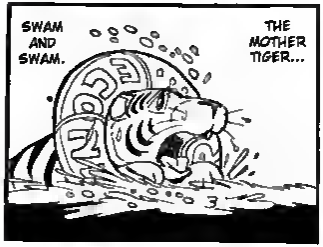

POOR GIRL... LOOKS LIKE THE GUY WHO TOOK YOUR SON AWAY IS A REAL JERK.

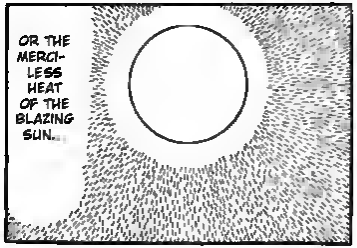

KEPT SWIMMING AND SWIMMING... ALWAYS FOLLOWING RIGHT BEHIND THE BOAT. SOME OF THE PASSENGERS STARTED THROWING THE TIGER BOTTLED WATER AND SCRAPS OF FOOD.
BUT THAT MOTHER TIGER...

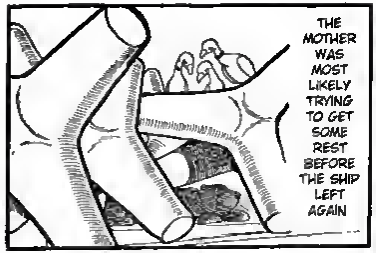
JUST GO HOME, OK?

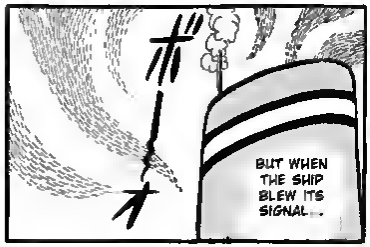
UNDER THE STARS...

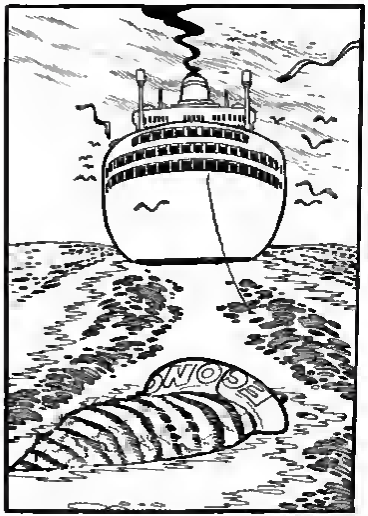

HERE... GRAB ONTO THIS! YOU CAN REST WITH IT FOR AWHILE IF YOU GET TIRED!

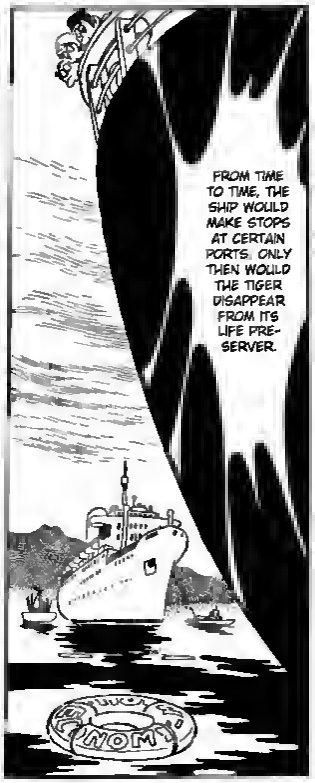

SWAM AND SWAM.
THE MOTHER TIGER...


OR THE MERCI-LESS HEAT OF THE BLAZING SUN...



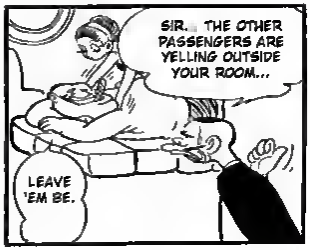


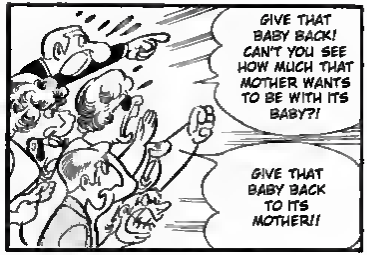


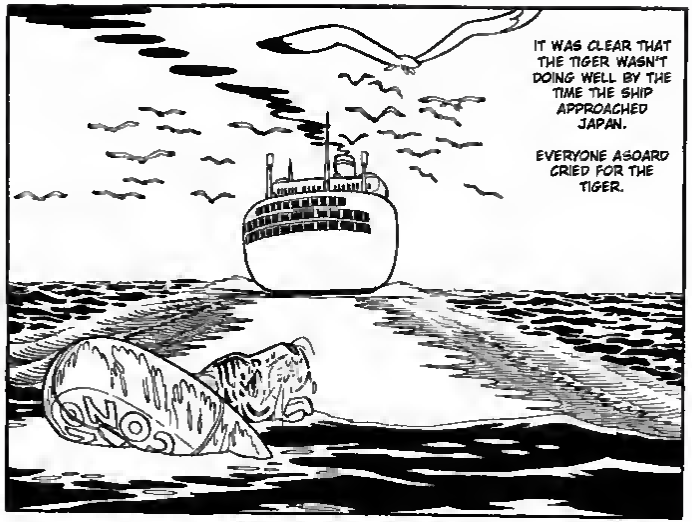

FROM TIME TO TIME, THE SHIP WOULD MAKE STOPS AT CERTAIN PORTS. ONLY THEN WOULD THE TIGER DISAPPEAR FROM ITS LIFE PRE-SERVER.
BLUE RIBBON

AS TIME PASSED, THE JOURNEY DID START TO TAKE ITS TOLL ON THE MOTHER TIGER. SHE BEGAN TO LOSE HER FUR, HER FACE BECAME WORN.

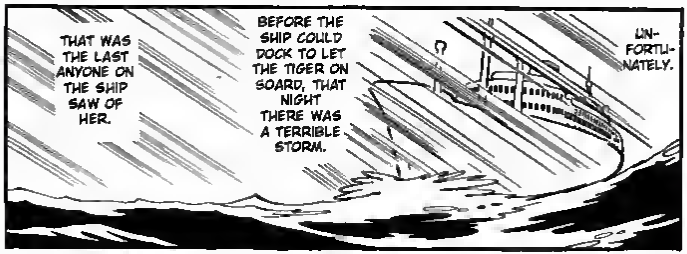
THE MOTHER WOULD AGAIN APPEAR, AND LATCH ONTO HER LIFE PRESERVER.






IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE TIGER WASN'T DOING WELL BY THE TIME THE SHIP APPROACHED JAPAN.
EVERYONE ASOARD CRIED FOR THE TIGER.

SOMEBODY SAVE IT!!
IT'S COME ALL THIS WAY! DON'T JUST LET IT DIE!
LET THAT TIGER ON BOARD!


THAT WAS THE LAST ANYONE ON THE SHIP SAW OF HER.
BEFORE THE SHIP COULD DOCK TO LET THE TIGER ON SOARD, THAT NIGHT THERE WAS A TERRIBLE STORM.
UN-FORTU-NATELY.

LOOK AT ALL THOSE SEAGULLS THEY'VE ALL BEEN POISONED!
WHO DID IT...?

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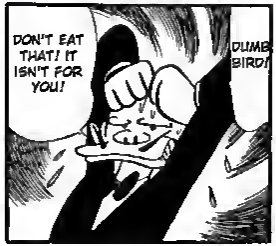
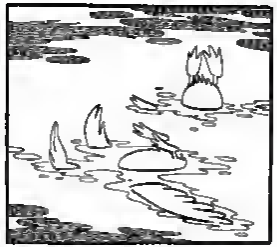
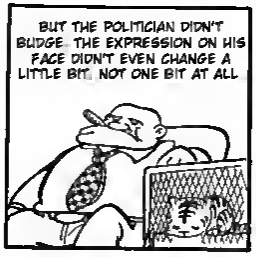
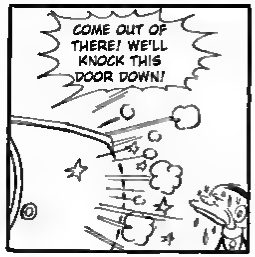
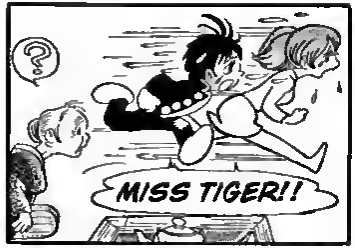

DON'T EAT THAT! IT ISN'T FOR YOU!
DUMB BIRD!




BUT THE POLITICIAN DIDN'T BUDGE. THE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE DIDN'T EVEN CHANGE A LITTLE BIT. NOT ONE BIT AT ALL

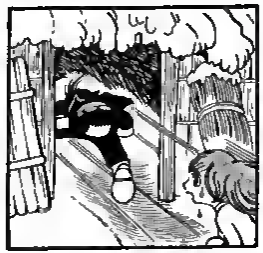

COME OUT OF THERE! WE'LL KNOCK THIS DOOR DOWN!

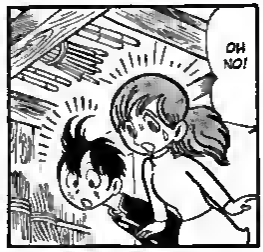
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO WOULD.
MY... WHAT AN EVIL MAN!


MISS TIGER!!

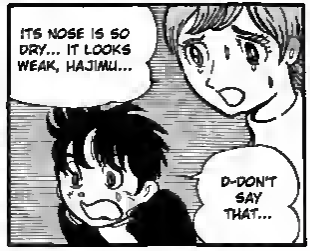
IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE-
WAS IT ABLE TO MAKE IT TO SHORE?
DID IT DROWN AT SEA?

DON'T DIE... DON'T DIE, OK?
DID YOU... DIE...?
MISS TIGER!! MISS TIGER!!

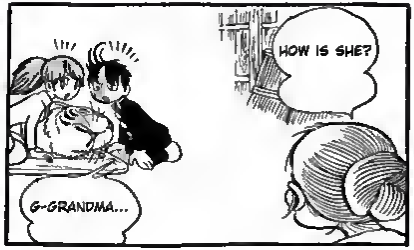


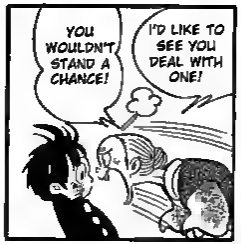

OH NO!

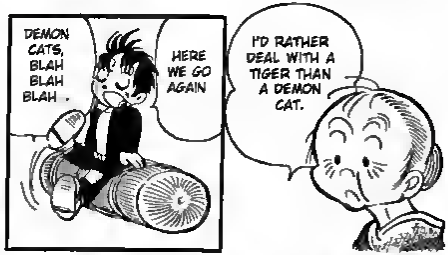
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SON? DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR SON?
COME ON... DIDN'T YOU MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO JAPAN?!
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP NOW!

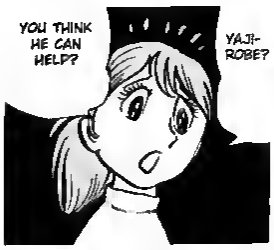

ITS NOSE IS SO DRY... IT LOOKS WEAK, HAJIMU...
D-DON'T SAY THAT...

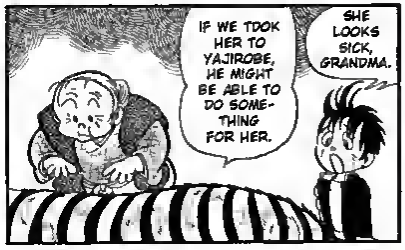
YOU'RE NOT SCARED TO BE THIS CLOSE TO A TIGER, GRANDMA?
HOW DID YOU...

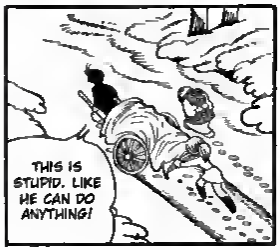

HOW IS SHE?
G-GRANDMA...

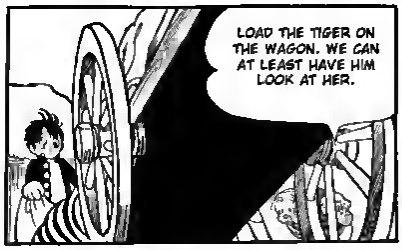

YOU WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU DEAL WITH ONE!

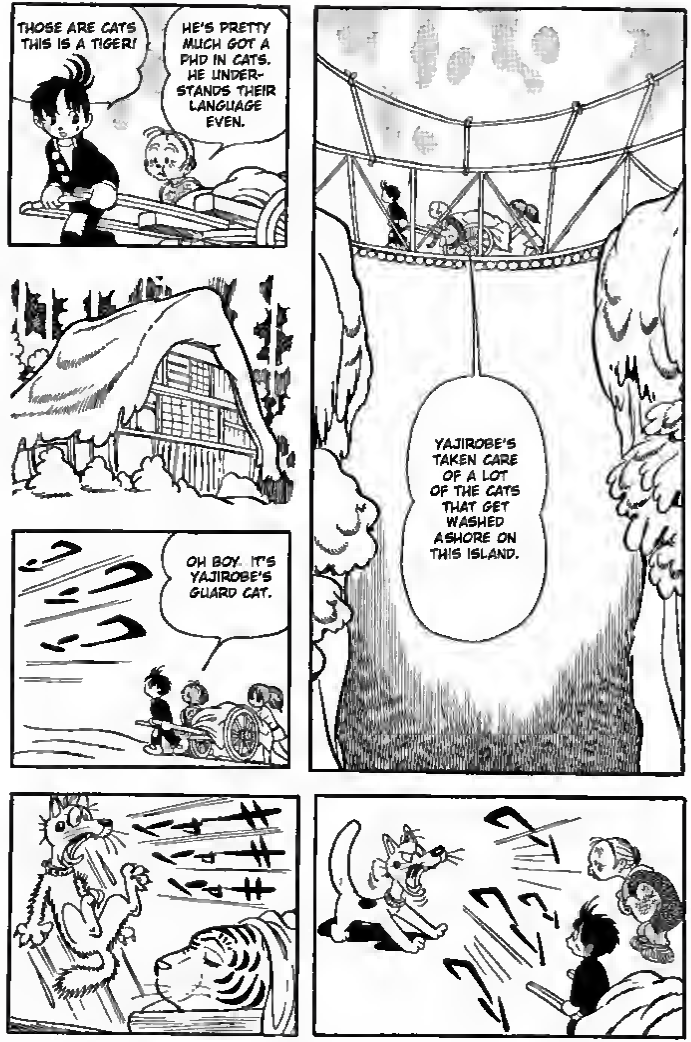

DEMON CATS, BLAH BLAH BLAH.
HERE WE GO AGAIN
I'D RATHER DEAL WITH A TIGER THAN A DEMON CAT.


YOU THINK HE CAN HELP?
YAJI-ROBE?

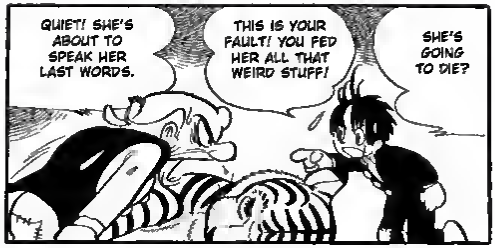

IF WE TOOK HER TO YAJIROBE, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOME-THING FOR HER.
SHE LOOKS SICK, GRANDMA.

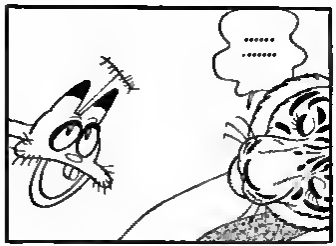

THIS IS STUPID. LIKE HE CAN DO ANYTHING!


LOAD THE TIGER ON THE WAGON. WE CAN AT LEAST HAVE HIM LOOK AT HER.

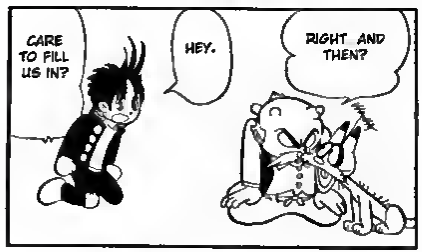

THOSE ARE CATS THIS IS A TIGER!
HE'S PRETTY MUCH GOT A PHD IN CATS. HE UNDERSTANDS THEIR LANGUAGE EVEN.
YAJIROBE'S TAKEN CARE OF A LOT OF THE CATS THAT GET WASHED ASHORE ON THIS ISLAND.
OH BOY. IT'S YAJIROBE'S GUARD CAT.

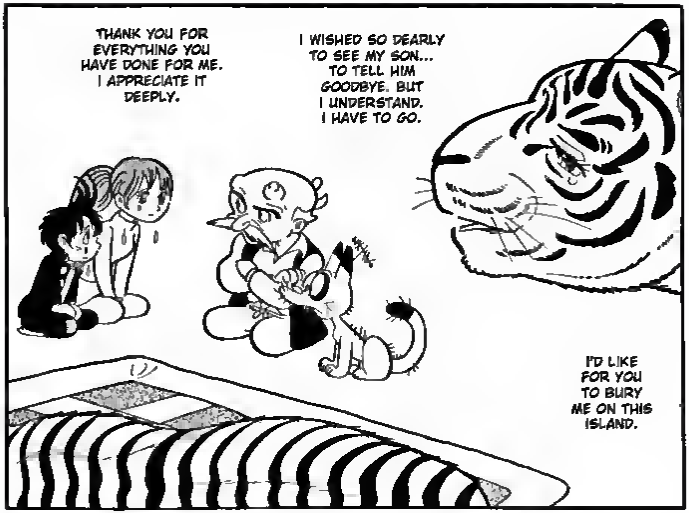
I DON'T DEAL WITH HUMANS ANY-MORE.
IF YOU'RE NOT A CAT OR A MOUSE, KEEP AWAY!
HIS NAME'S JIROCHO. WORKS HERE IN PLACE OF A GUARD DOG.
...THAT'S A CAT?
WE DO! LOOK AT IT'S TAIL.
REALLY? THAT'S A REAL TIGER...?
HOW ABOUT A TIGER? A REAL ONE.
YOU DON'T HAVE A TIGER.
UGH... IT SMELLS AWFUL...
WE CAN'T WASTE ANYTIME. SHE NEEDS MEDICINE. RATTAIL, SARDINE HEADS, CHAMELEON PLANT, BOILED CATNIP. GO BRING ME SOME, NOW!
SORRY, WE'RE TOO LATE. SHE'S JUST ABOUT TO GO
HMM. DIDN'T SEEM TO WORK.



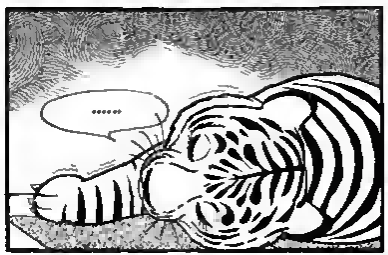


BUT MANJIRO HERE CAN TALK WITH ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS. HE'LL BE MY INTERPRETER.
I CAN SPEAK CAT LANGUAGE, BUT NOT TIGER LANGUAGE.



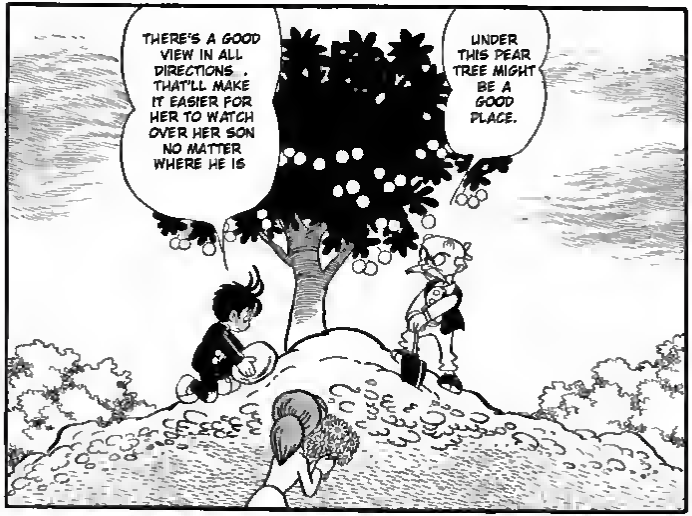

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME. I APPRECIATE IT DEEPLY.
I WISHED SO DEARLY TO SEE MY SON... TO TELL HIM GOODBYE. BUT I UNDERSTAND. I HAVE TO GO.
I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO BURY ME ON THIS ISLAND.

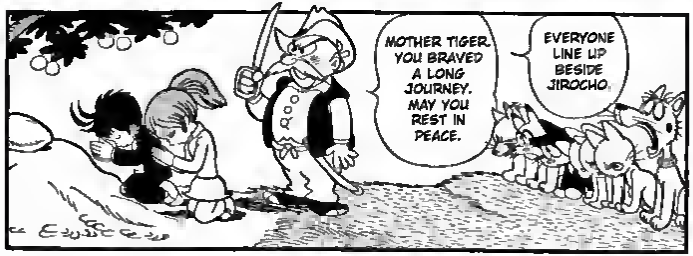
IF ONE DAY YOU EVER HAPPEN TO SEE MY SON, TELL HIM THAT I'M WATCHING OVER HIM FROM THIS ISLAND. TELL HIM TO GROW TO BE PROUD, AND STRONG...

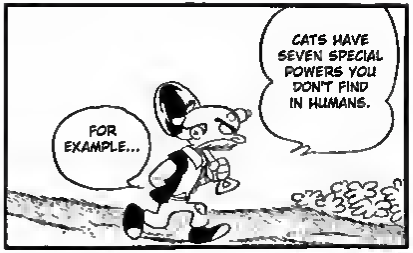


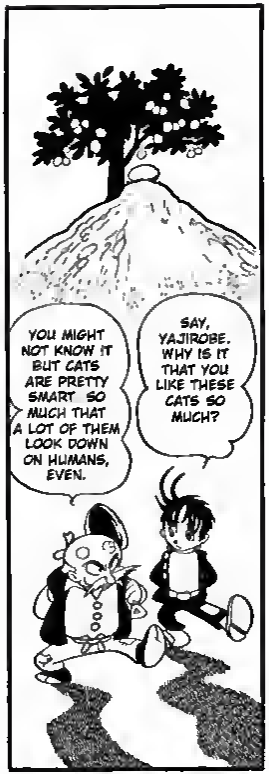
BETTER GET TO BURYING HER.

WE CAN'T ALL LIVE FOREVER. THAT'S JUST THE WAY THINGS ARE.
DON'T CRY NOW, KID.


THERE'S A GOOD VIEW IN ALL DIRECTIONS . THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR HER TO WATCH OVER HER SON NO MATTER WHERE HE IS
UNDER THIS PEAR TREE MIGHT BE A GOOD PLACE.

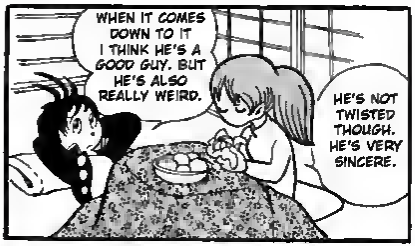

MOTHER TIGER. YOU BRAVED A LONG JOURNEY. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.
EVERYONE LINE UP BESIDE JIROCHO.


CATS HAVE SEVEN SPECIAL POWERS YOU DON'T FIND IN HUMANS.
FOR EXAMPLE...

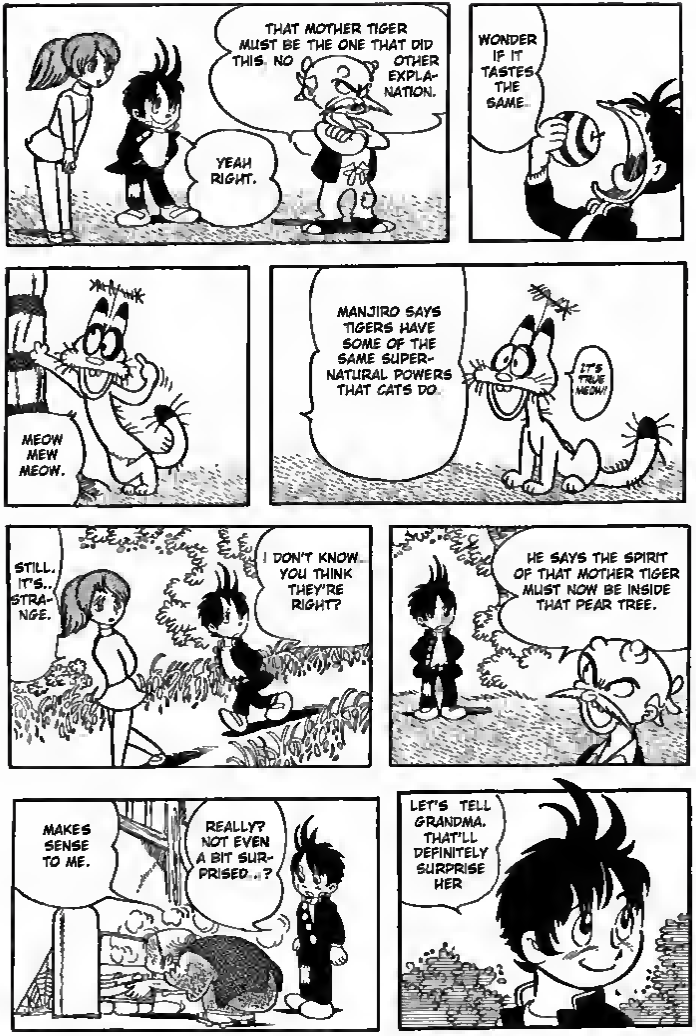

SAY, YAJIROBE. WHY IS IT THAT YOU LIKE THESE CATS SO MUCH?
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IT BUT CATS ARE PRETTY SMART SO MUCH THAT A LOT OF THEM LOOK DOWN ON HUMANS, EVEN.

YOU HAD ME BUT YOU LOST ME.

TELEKINESIS. ESP, TRANS-FORMING..


WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT I THINK HE'S A GOOD GUY. BUT HE'S ALSO REALLY WEIRD.
HE'S NOT TWISTED THOUGH. HE'S VERY SINCERE.

WOW... AINO LOOK!
JUST FOLLOW ME. WE'RE GOING TO THE PEAR TREE.
SEE WHAT?
GET OUT HERE YOU TWO. COME SEE THIS.
HOW STRANGE...
I WENT TO GO CHECK ON THE GRAVE THIS MORNING AND FOUND IT LIKE THIS STRIPES!
IT'S... STRIPED!
THE PEARS TOO!
HOW DO YOU THINK THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED?

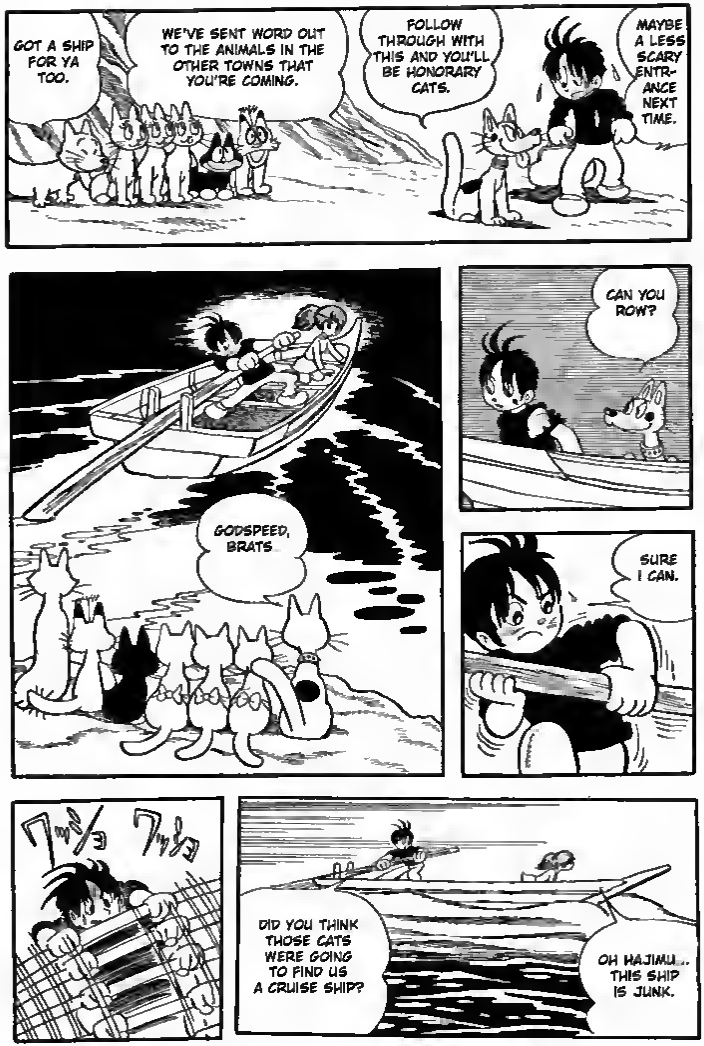

THAT MOTHER TIGER MUST BE THE ONE THAT DID THIS. NO OTHER EXPLANATION.
YEAH RIGHT.
WONDER IF IT TASTES THE SAME.
MEOW MEW MEOW.
MANJIRO SAYS TIGERS HAVE SOME OF THE SAME SUPERNATURAL POWERS THAT CATS DO.
IT'S TRUE MEOW!
STILL, IT'S.. STRANGE.
I DON'T KNOW. YOU THINK THEY'RE RIGHT?
HE SAYS THE SPIRIT OF THAT MOTHER TIGER MUST NOW BE INSIDE THAT PEAR TREE.
MAKES SENSE TO ME.
REALLY? NOT EVEN A BIT SURPRISED..?
LET'S TELL GRANDMA. THAT'LL DEFINITELY SURPRISE HER

IF YOU GO OUT FROM HERE AND FOLLOW WHERE THE SUN RISES, YOU'LL FIND THE TOWN HE'S IN. HEARD IT FROM A BIRD.
I KNOW WHERE HE IS! OR .. AT LEAST I KNOW WHERE THAT POLITI-CIAN IS.
SOMEWHERE OUT PAST THIS SEA .. THAT BABY TIGER HAS TO BE OUT ON ONE OF THOSE ISLANDS...
YOU GUYS HAVEN'T NOTICED THE POWERS YOU GOT WHEN YOU ATE THOSE PEARS YET?
THIS CAT IS... TALKING TO US!
ANYWAY. YOU GUYS GOING TO GO FIND THAT SABY TIGER OR NOT?
POWERS?
RIGHT. YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ANIMAL LANGUAGES.
THESE GUYS WERE LYING TO THAT MOTHER TIGER!
SOMETHING WRONG, NORA-KURO?
WE CAN'T DO THAT!
WHAT?! WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROMISE TO ITS MOTHER?

NORA- STRAY, KURO- BLACK

IT WAS IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO FIND HER SON FOR HER. AND NOW YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT?!
LYING? WHEN SHE WAS ON HER DEATHBED? YOU TO LIED HER?!
GRREEOOW!!!
THIS IS WHAT I HATE ABOUT HUMANS YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING THEY SAY AT ALL.
YOU'RE GOING, EVEN IF I HAVE TO MAKE YOU.
WHAT'S A CAT LIKE YOU GOING TO DO?
OH HAJIMU... LOOK AT YOU.
THIS GUY'S TOUGHER THAN HE LOOKS!
MUST BE SOME KIND OF TIME LIMIT TO HOW LONG THE PEAR WORKS.
OUCH.
THAT'S STRANGE .. I CAN'T UNDER-STAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ANYMORE.
I'LL WATCH WHAT I SAY IN FRONT OF CATS FROM NOW ON.
WELL, NOW I KNOW.

WE'D NEVER FIND HIM.
THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO GO FIND THAT BABY TIGER AFTER ALL?
THAT'LL PROBABLY MAKE HIM A LOT EASIER TO FIND.
THAT'S TRUE
YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT... THAT CAT'S GOING TO BEAT ME UP EVERYDAY IF I DON'T...
WE COULD UNDER-STAND ANIMALS, RIGHT?
IF WE ATE ONE OF THOSE PEARS BEFORE WE WENT...
EVERYONE CAME TO SEE YOU OFF.
WE THOUGHT YOU'D COME AROUND.
WAITIN' FOR YA.
WHAT'S UP, YOU TWO?
H-HEY!

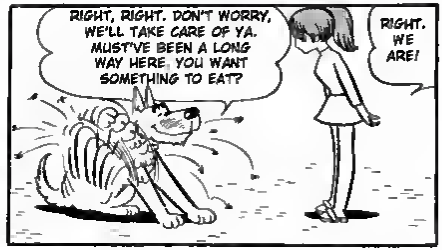

GOT A SHIP FOR YA TOO.
WE'VE SENT WORD OUT TO THE ANIMALS IN THE OTHER TOWNS THAT YOU'RE COMING.
FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS AND YOU'LL BE HONORARY CATS.
MAYBE A LESS SCARY ENTR-ANCE NEXT TIME.
CAN YOU ROW?
GODSPEED, BRATS.
SURE I CAN.
DID YOU THINK THOSE CATS WERE GOING TO FIND US A CRUISE SHIP?
OH HAJIMU... THIS SHIP IS JUNK.

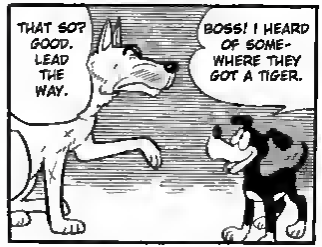
LOOKS LIKE OUR OPTIONS ARE: GET TO THE SHORE, OR SINK ALONG THE WAY.
ALL RIGHT. I'LL TRY TO SPEED UP A BIT.
HURRY.. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL HOLD..
OH BOY...
OH NO! LOOK! A HOLE!
TRY TO HOLD IT DOWN AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
THE WATER'S LEAKING IN.. IT WON'T STOP!
I'M ROWING, I AM! I KIND OF AM..
ROW, HAJIMU! DON'T STOP!

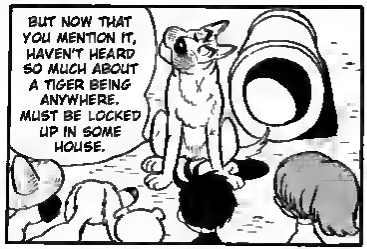
I DID SOME PRETTY GOOD ROWING, RIGHT? YEAH, THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD ROWING.
WE MADE IT! THE WATER'S BECOMING SHALLOW.
WE'LL DRY OFF A LITTLE BIT AS WE WALK ANYWAY.
IF SOMEBODY ASKS WE'LL JUST SAY WE GOT CAUGHT IN THE RAIN.
WE'LL MAKE SOMETHING UP
WE CAN'T SHOW UP IN TOWN LIKE THIS!
GREAT, JUST LOOK AT US.
SHOULD BE THIS WAY.
THEY SAID KEEP WALKING THE WAY THE SUN RISES AND YOU'LL RUN INTO IT.
STILL HAVE 20 KILOMETERS UNTIL WE GET TO EBINO.
EBINO 20KM
OGAWA 25 KM
YEAH.
LET'S GO.

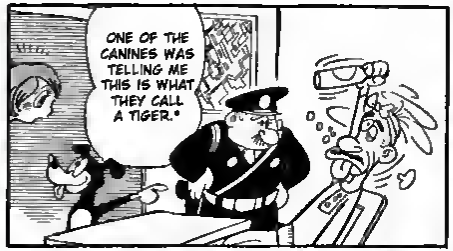
WE'LL GET YOU TO EBINO IN NO TIME.
DON'T BE CRAZY.
WHERE YOU GUYS GOIN'? EBINO? BY FOOT?
HOP IN
LOOK. TWO KIDS OUT WALKING ALONE
I HEAR SOMETHING IT SOUNDS LIKE DOGS BARKING.
LOOK, THERE IT IS RIGHT UP AHEAD.
WE'RE LOOK-ING FOR SOME-THING.
HEY YOU PUNKS. WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
WELL, HERE ARE YOUR DOGS.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A BABY TIGER, HAVE YOU?
WHY DON'T YOU COME TO OUR PAD, FRIEND. WE'LL TREAT YOU TO A BONE.
MUST BE TRUST-WORTHY THEN CAN'T BE A BAD GUY IF YOU CAN SPEAK DOG LANGUAGE.
HEY... THIS GUY UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE'RE SAYING
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU THIS LATE AT NIGHT.
HMM? WHO THE HECK ARE THESE TWO?
YOU WANT A BABY TIGER, GOPHER TRIPLETS, WHAT-EVER IT IS, YOU NEED TO ASK THE BOSS. HE KNOWS EVERY-THING
AIN'T THIS A SURPRISE.
LOOK WHAT WE GOT HERE.
WELL.
YOU TWO UNDERSTAND DOG LANGUAGE?
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THAT TIGER KID, RIGHT?
A SWALLOW WAS TELLING ME ABOUT YOU EARLIER TODAY.
YOU THE GUYS FROM THAT OTHER ISLAND?
WAIT. PEAR?
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS PEAR WE ATE. SEE-

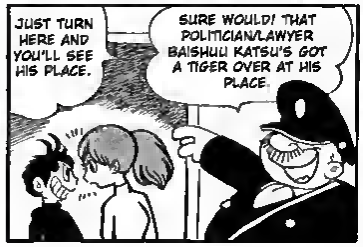


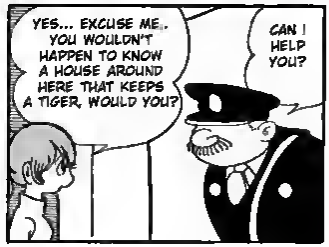


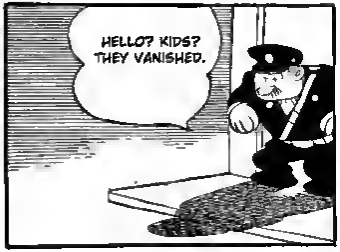




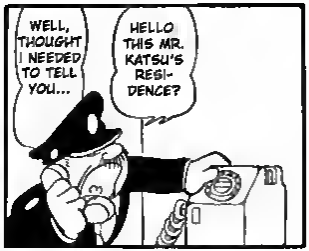
TIGER- (PROBABLY OLD) SLANG WORD FOR DRUNK

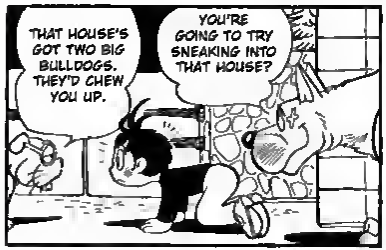


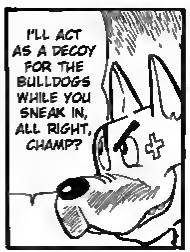


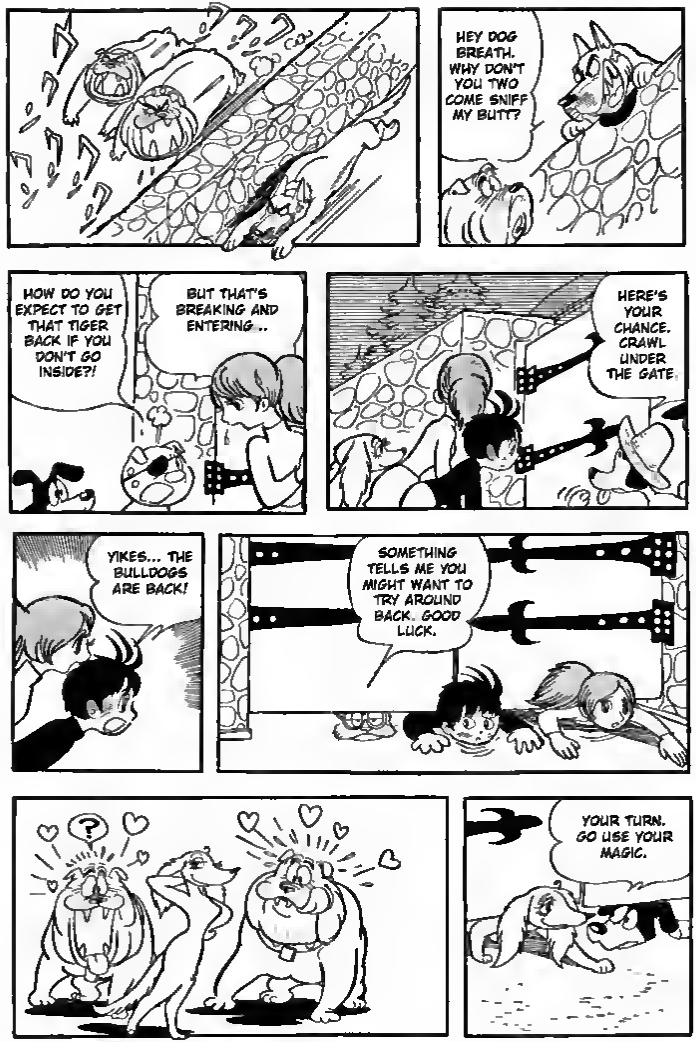


WHAT'S THAT? YOU JUST SAW TWO KIDS HEADING TOWARDS HERE? THINK THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING?
HMM? YES, WHAT IS IT. THIS IS HIS SECRETARY








HEY DOG BREATH. WHY DON'T YOU TWO COME SNIFF MY BUTT?
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET THAT TIGER BACK IF YOU DON'T GO INSIDE?!
BUT THAT'S BREAKING AND ENTERING..
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE. CRAWL UNDER THE GATE.
YIKES... THE BULLDOGS ARE BACK!
SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY AROUND BACK. GOOD LUCK.
?
YOUR TURN. GO USE YOUR MAGIC.

DON'T SEE HIM ANY-WHERE...
OK. GO, GO!
WAIT. THERE HE IS!
HEY LITTLE GUY, WAKE UP! WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU.
IT'S REALLY HIM.

WHERE IS SHE?
YOU KNOW MY MOM?
CAN I SEE HER?
MY MOM?
YOUR MOM ASKED US TO COME GET YOU OUT OF THIS CAGE.
COMING HERE TO HELP YOU WAS THE LAST WISH SHE MADE BEFORE SHE PASSED ON.
SHE DIED.
SHE DIED RIGHT AFTER WE MET HER.
WELL...
DON'T... UMM...
DON'T GET UPSET, BUT...
SHE'S A TREE NOW!
NEVER EVER AGAIN.
BUT... I CAN SEE HER SOMEDAY, RIGHT?
YOU CAN'T SEE HER AGAIN.
IT... WELL, IT MEANS...
WHAT DOES "DIED" MEAN?
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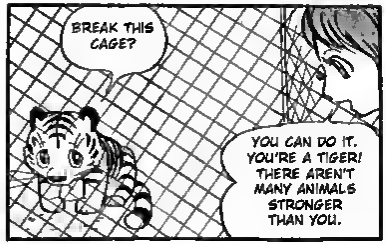
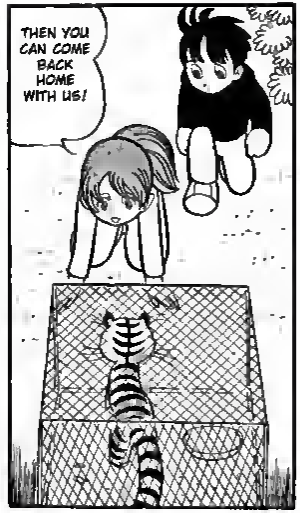
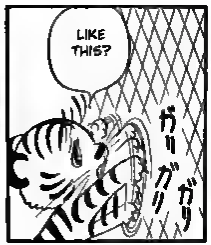
I'M GOING TO BE A TREE TOO.
DON'T CRY. YOU'RE A BOY, AREN'T YOU?
YOU HAVE TO BE QUIET OR YOU'LL WAKE THAT GUY UP.
I WANT TO GO HOME!
NOT WHEN YOUR MOTHER WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU BECOMING A BIG, STRONG TIGER.
NOW DON'T SAY THAT.
HOW ELSE ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP HIM?
WE CAN'T TAKE HIM OUT OF THIS CAGE. THAT'S STEALING!
OK.
WHY DON'T YOU COME TO OUR ISLAND? YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS THERE.
NO CAGES EITHER.
YOU HAVE TO RUN AWAY YOURSELF, OK? YOU HAVE TO BREAK THIS CAGE OPEN.
IT ISN'T A CRIME IF HE RUNS AWAY ALL BY HIMSELF.
WELL... WE CAN'T STEAL HIM, BUT...


BREAK THIS CAGE?
YOU CAN DO IT. YOU'RE A TIGER! THERE AREN'T MANY ANIMALS STRONGER THAN YOU.


THEN YOU CAN COME BACK HOME WITH US!

NO. THAT WON'T WORK.


LIKE THIS?
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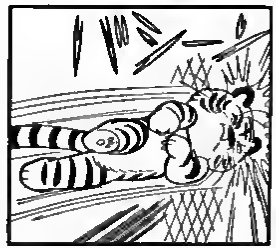
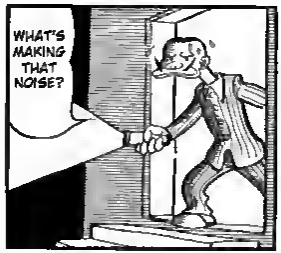
GYOW!



CHARGE AT IT WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH!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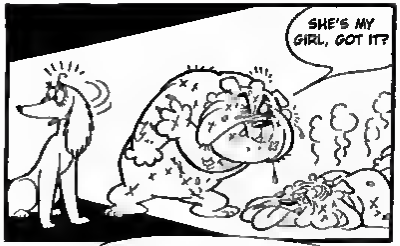
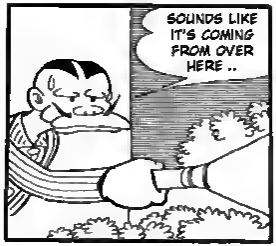
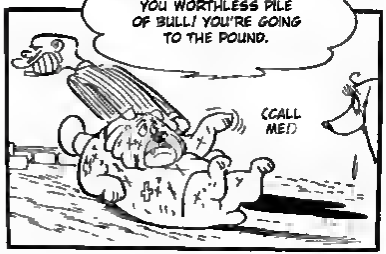
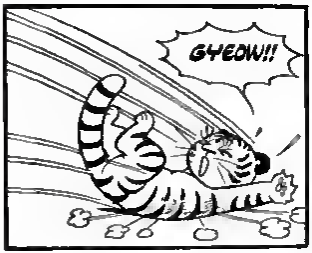

SHE'S MY GIRL, GOT IT?


SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM OVER HERE ..


YOU WORTHLESS PILE OF BULL! YOU'RE GOING TO THE POUND.
(CALL ME!)

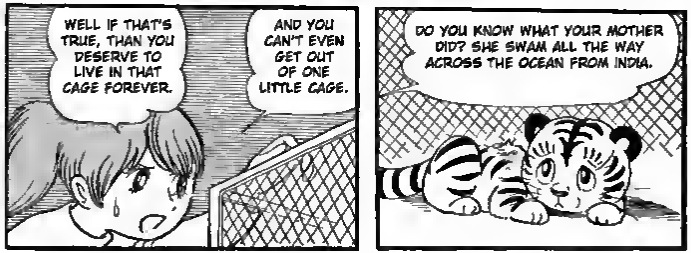
OH... HEY.

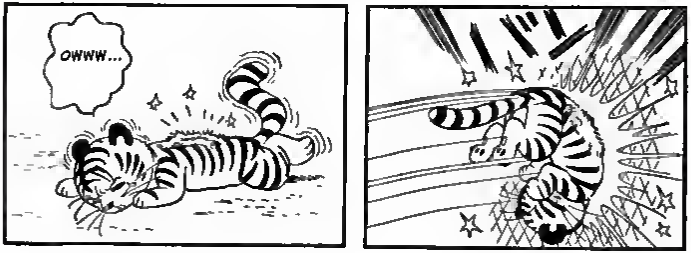

GYEOW!!

DON'T GIVE UP. YOU'VE GOT TO HIT THE CAGE HARDER!
JUST A LITTLE MORE. KEEP GOING!

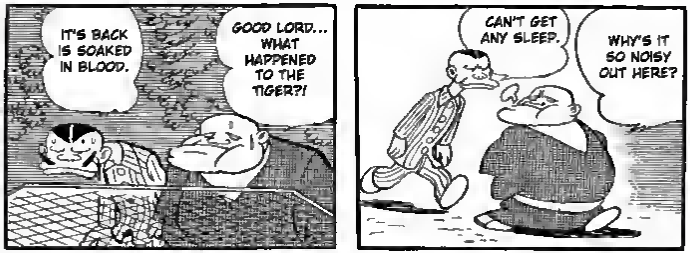
OWW... MY BACK... I CAN'T... I CAN'T DO IT!

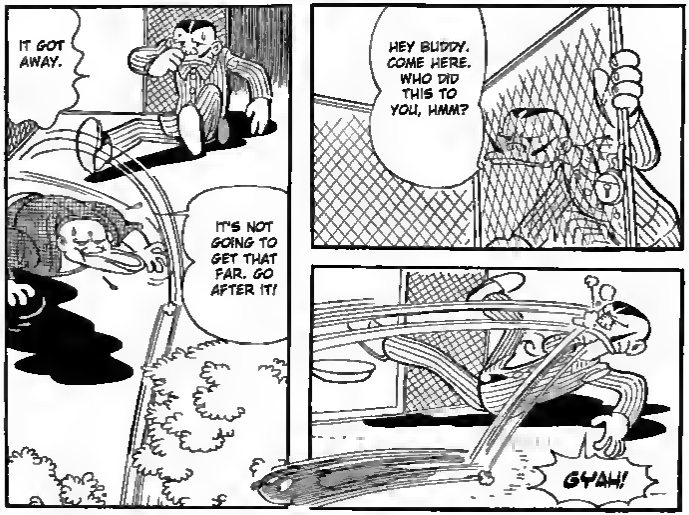
IF HE WANTS OUT, HE'LL DO IT HIMSELF!
NO!
HE'S HURTING HIMSELF. I SHOULD JUST BREAK OPEN THE CAGE.
HURRY...!

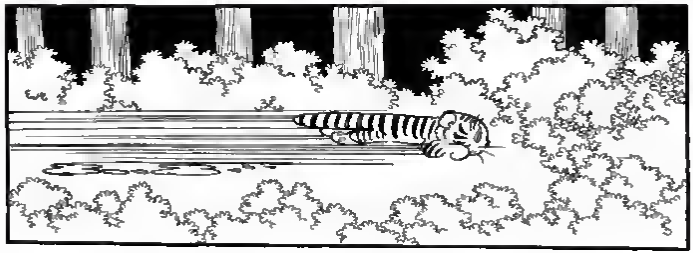

WELL IF THAT'S TRUE, THAN YOU DESERVE TO LIVE IN THAT CAGE FOREVER.
AND YOU CAN'T EVEN GET OUT OF ONE LITTLE CAGE.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR MOTHER DID? SHE SWAM ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE OCEAN FROM INDIA.


OWWW...

MOM...
ANY MORE AND I THINK I'LL DIE. .


IT'S BACK IS SOAKED IN BLOOD.
GOOD LORD... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TIGER?!
CAN'T GET ANY SLEEP.
WHY'S IT SO NOISY OUT HERE?


IT GOT AWAY.
IT'S NOT GOING TO GET THAT FAR. GO AFTER IT!
HEY BUDDY. COME HERE. WHO DID THIS TO YOU, HMM?
GYAH!



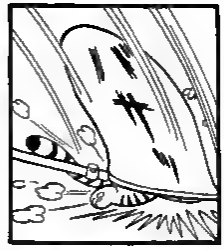
THERE IT IS! THERE!

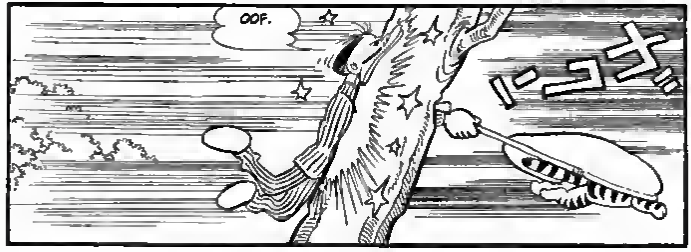
GET IT. GET IT!!
WHAT WOULD PEOPLE THINK IF THEY HEARD MY MASCOT RAN AWAY FROM ME?

REMEMBER THAT TIGER'S SUPPOSED TO BE MY MASCOT IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION.

G-GOT HIM! GOT HIM, SIR.

GYAH! LET GO!

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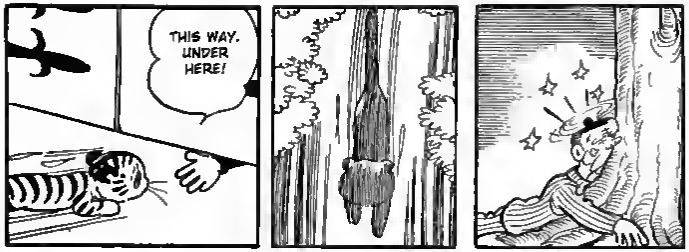
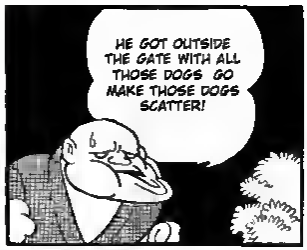
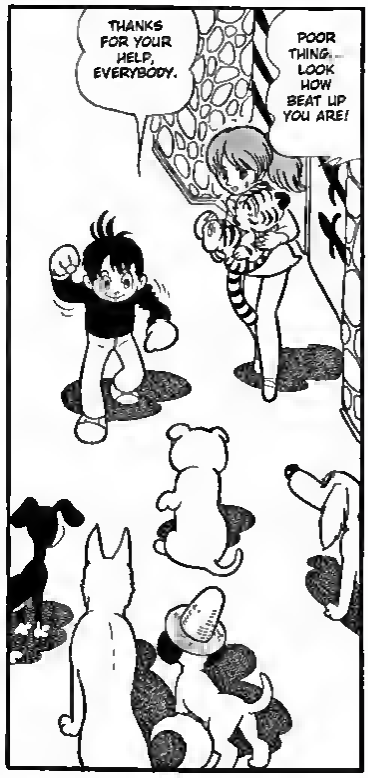

THIS WAY. UNDER HERE!

"BARK BARK BARK?" WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

OH... THE TIME LIMIT MUST'VE RUN OUT ON THE PEAR WE ATE.


HE GOT OUTSIDE THE GATE WITH ALL THOSE DOGS GO MAKE THOSE DOGS SCATTER!


THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, EVERYBODY.
POOR THING... LOOK HOW BEAT UP YOU ARE!

UWAH!!
YOU MONGREL-MUTTS!!
HERE THEY ARE, SIR.
THEY SAW OUR FACES, YOU KNOW. WE MIGHT BE IN PRETTY BIG TROUBLE
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...
HEY NOW PAL...
UH-OH... IT'S THAT POLICE OFFICER FROM BEFORE.
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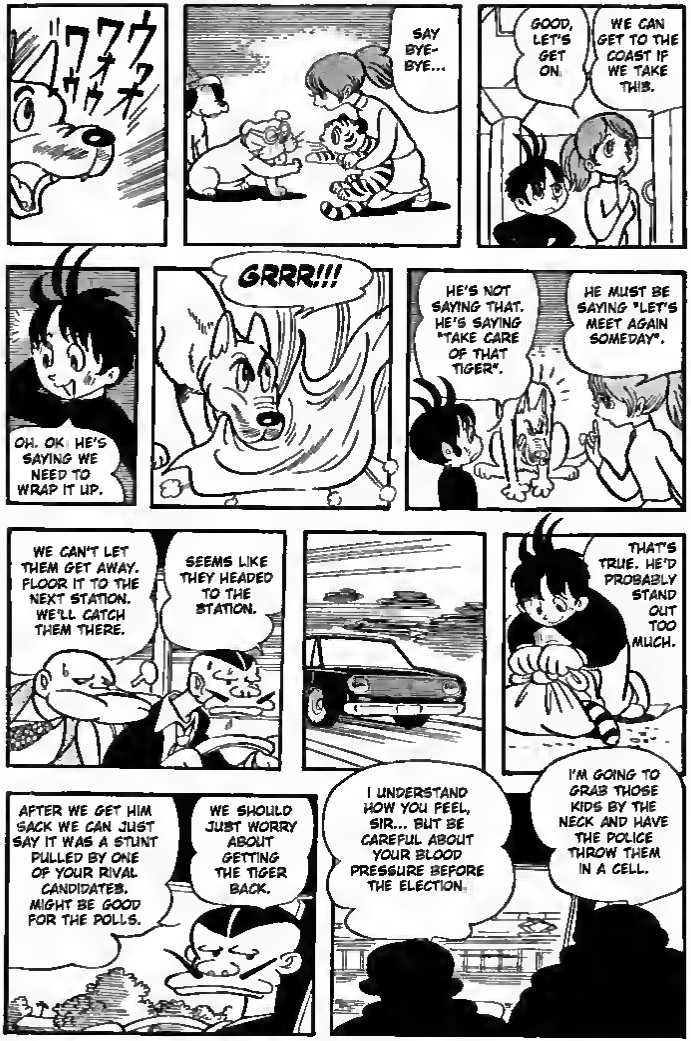
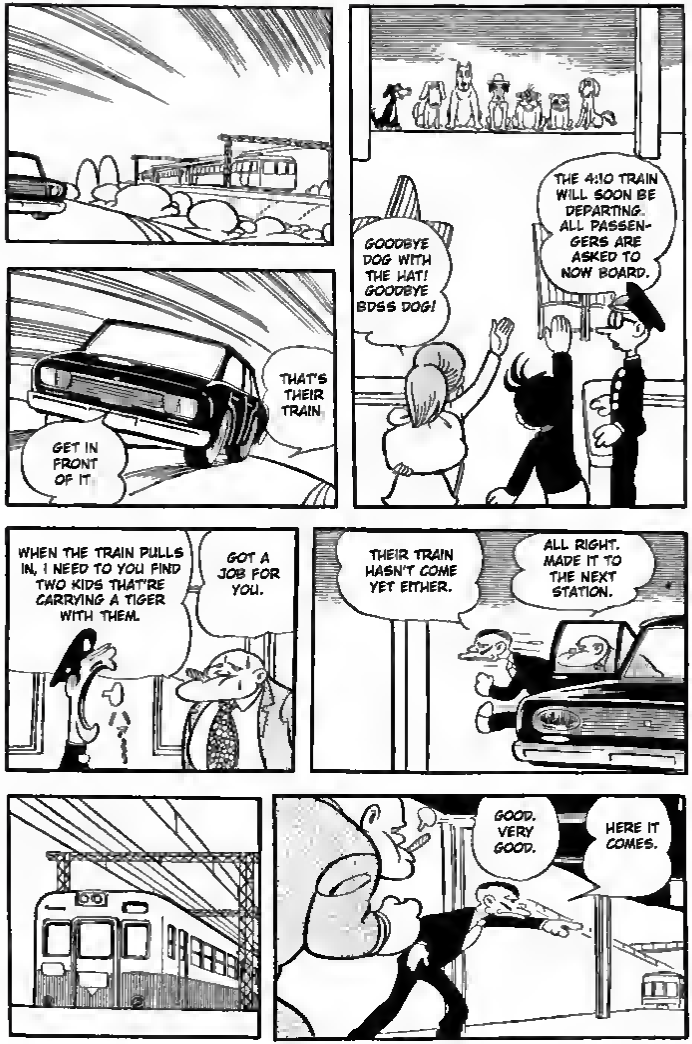
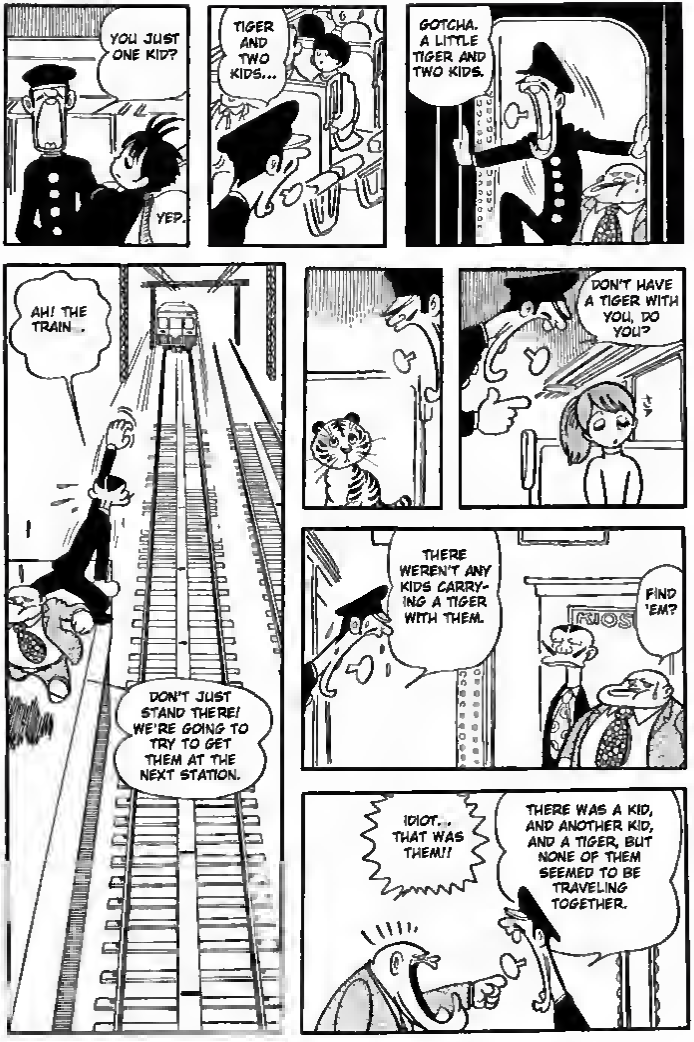
GIVE ME BACK MY HAT..!!

TRAIN STATION


SAY BYE-BYE...
GOOD, LET'S GET ON.
WE CAN GET TO THE COAST IF WE TAKE THIS.
OH. OK. HE'S SAYING WE NEED TO WRAP IT UP.
GRRR!!!
HE'S NOT SAYING THAT. HE'S SAYING "TAKE CARE OF THAT TIGER".
HE MUST BE SAYING "LET'S MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY".
WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY. FLOOR IT TO THE NEXT STATION. WE'LL CATCH THEM THERE.
SEEMS LIKE THEY HEADED TO THE STATION.
THAT'S TRUE. HE'D PROBABLY STAND OUT TOO MUCH.
AFTER WE GET HIM SACK WE CAN JUST SAY IT WAS A STUNT PULLED BY ONE OF YOUR RIVAL CANDIDATES. MIGHT BE GOOD FOR THE POLLS.
WE SHOULD JUST WORRY ABOUT GETTING THE TIGER BACK.
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, SIR... BUT BE CAREFUL ABOUT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE BEFORE THE ELECTION.
I'M GOING TO GRAB THOSE KIDS BY THE NECK AND HAVE THE POLICE THROW THEM IN A CELL.

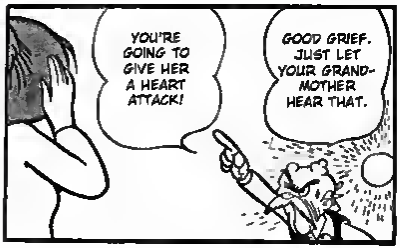

THE 4:10 TRAIN WILL SOON BE DEPARTING. ALL PASSENGERS ARE ASKED TO NOW BOARD.
GOODBYE DOG WITH THE HAT! GOODBYE BOSS DOG!
THAT'S THEIR TRAIN.
GET IN FRONT OF IT.
WHEN THE TRAIN PULLS IN, I NEED TO YOU FIND TWO KIDS THAT'RE CARRYING A TIGER WITH THEM.
GOT A JOB FOR YOU.
THEIR TRAIN HASN'T COME YET EITHER.
ALL RIGHT. MADE IT TO THE NEXT STATION.
GOOD. VERY GOOD.
HERE IT COMES.

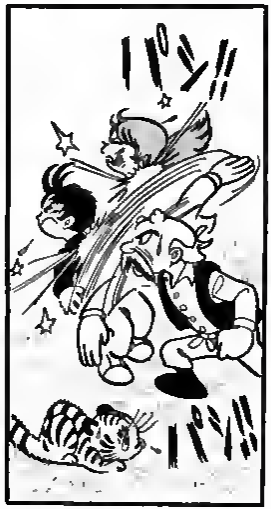

YOU JUST ONE KID?
YEP.
TIGER AND TWO KIDS...
GOTCHA. A LITTLE TIGER AND TWO KIDS.
AH! THE TRAIN...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET THEM AT THE NEXT STATION.
DON'T HAVE A TIGER WITH YOU, DO YOU?
THERE WEREN'T ANY KIDS CARRYING A TIGER WITH THEM.
FIND 'EM?
IDIOT... THAT WAS THEM!!
THERE WAS A KID, AND ANOTHER KID, AND A TIGER, BUT NONE OF THEM SEEMED TO BE TRAVELING TOGETHER.

WELL, WE'RE WANTED BY THE POLICE NOW.
IF SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU ..

BUT WE HAD TO RESCUE THAT MOTHER TIGER'S BABY. LOOK!

LEAVING THE HOUSE WITHOUT A WORD ...
I CAME HERE BECAUSE YOUR GRANDMOTHER WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.


YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE HER A HEART ATTACK!
GOOD GRIEF. JUST LET YOUR GRANDMOTHER HEAR THAT.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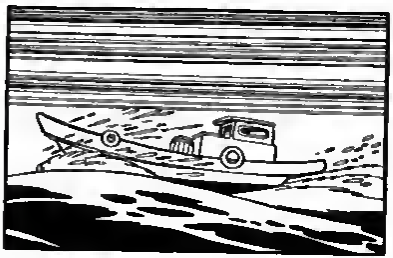
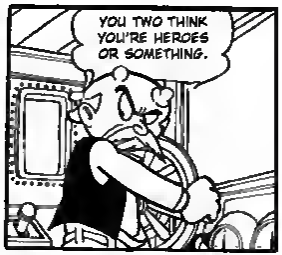
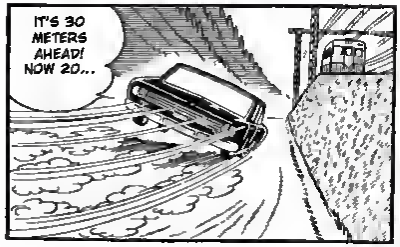
GET ON.
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET BACK.




YOU TWO THINK YOU'RE HEROES OR SOMETHING.


IT'S 30 METERS AHEAD! NOW 20...

HURRY ..! DON'T LET IT GET THERE FIRST.

NO THANK YOU.
GO AFTER IT GO IN THAT TUNNEL AFTER IT!

TUNNEL? TUNNEL?! AGH I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A TUNNEL!

BUT NOW HOW ARE WE GOING TO MAKE IT BACK TO THE ISLAND?
WELL, WE MADE IT THIS FAR.

NEXT STOP~

SEND EVERY POLICE IN THE COUNTRY AFTER THEM!
THOSE STUPID KIDS...

OLD MAN YAJIROBE!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
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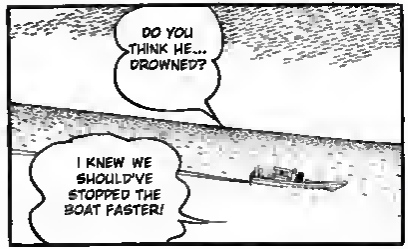
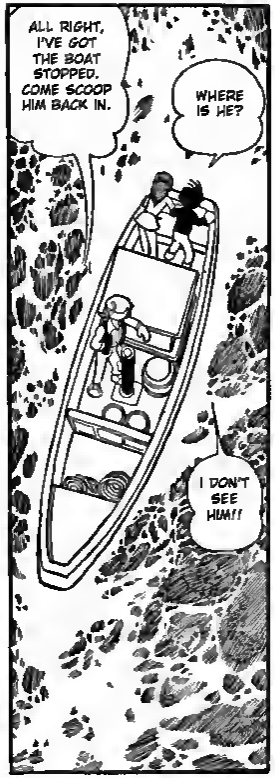
YOU'VE GOT BIG FOOT-STEPS TO FILL NOW THAT SHE'S GONE. YOU'VE GOT TO BECOME A TIGER WORTHY OF YOUR HERITAGE.
AND YOU, LITTLE TIGER...
THIS TIGER'S MOTHER WAS A REAL HERO.
YOU WANT TO KNOW A REAL HERO?
HEY, HEY! NO ONE'S SAYING YOU HAVE TO GO MAKING HARDSHIPS TO ENDURE RIGHT NOW!
COULD YOU ENDURE THE SAME HARD-SHIPS SHE DID?
THINK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER, OUT THERE AT SEA ON THAT LONG JOURNEY..
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR TALKING TO HIM LIKE THAT!
GET BACK HERE, YOU! YOU'RE STILL JUST A LITTLE TYKE!
YAJIROBE! HE'S OUT SWIMMING IN THE SEA!

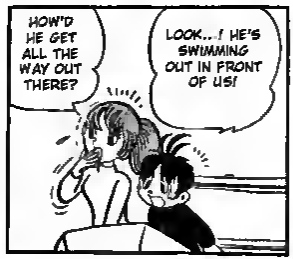
NOT UNLESS YOU WANT THE ENGINE OFF.
CAN'T YOU MAKE THIS BOAT GO ANY SLOWER?
HURRY, WE HAVE TO GET HIM BACK ON!!
I JUST WANTED TO TELL HIM TO NOT FALL BEHIND HIS MOTHER.
....
YOU'RE GOING TO GET TIRED!
COME BACK TO THE BOAT!
GOOD JOB, OK? YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROVE ANY-THING ANYMORE!
NOW LOOK... HE'S STARTING TO FALL BEHIND!
COME ON, LITTLE GUY... DON'T BE SO STUB-BORN.
GOOD GRIEF THIS GUY'S TOO MUCH WORK.
YAJIROBE! STOP THE BOAT!! WE'RE LOSING HIM!


DO YOU THINK HE... DROWNED?
I KNEW WE SHOULD'VE STOPPED THE BOAT FASTER!


ALL RIGHT, I'VE GOT THE BOAT STOPPED. COME SCOOP HIM BACK IN.
WHERE IS HE?
I DON'T SEE HIM!!

HEY, IS THAT HIM?
POOR GUY... I'M SORRY...

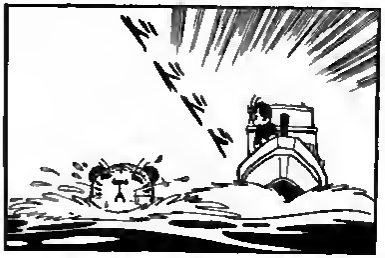
JEEZ! AND HE'S STILL GOING!
MUST'VE JUST NEVER STOPPED...


HOW'D HE GET ALL THE WAY OUT THERE?
LOOK..! HE'S SWIMMING OUT IN FRONT OF US!

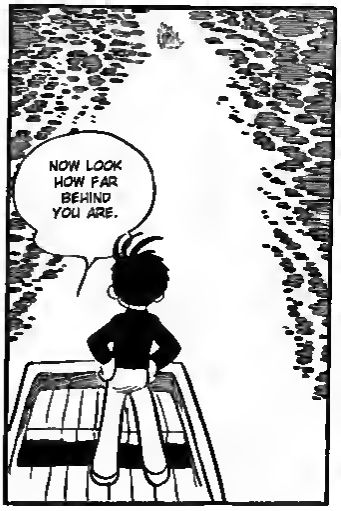
MAYBE HE CAN'T HEAR US—
HE CAN HEAR US. HE'S JUST BEING A BRAT.

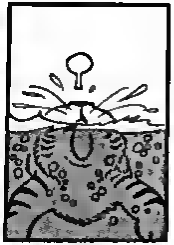
WE ALL ADMIT YOU'RE TOUGH! NOW COME BACK, OK?

COME BACK!



FIRST YOU TELL ME TO STOP. QUIT ORDERING ME AROUND!
START THE SHIP BACK UP.

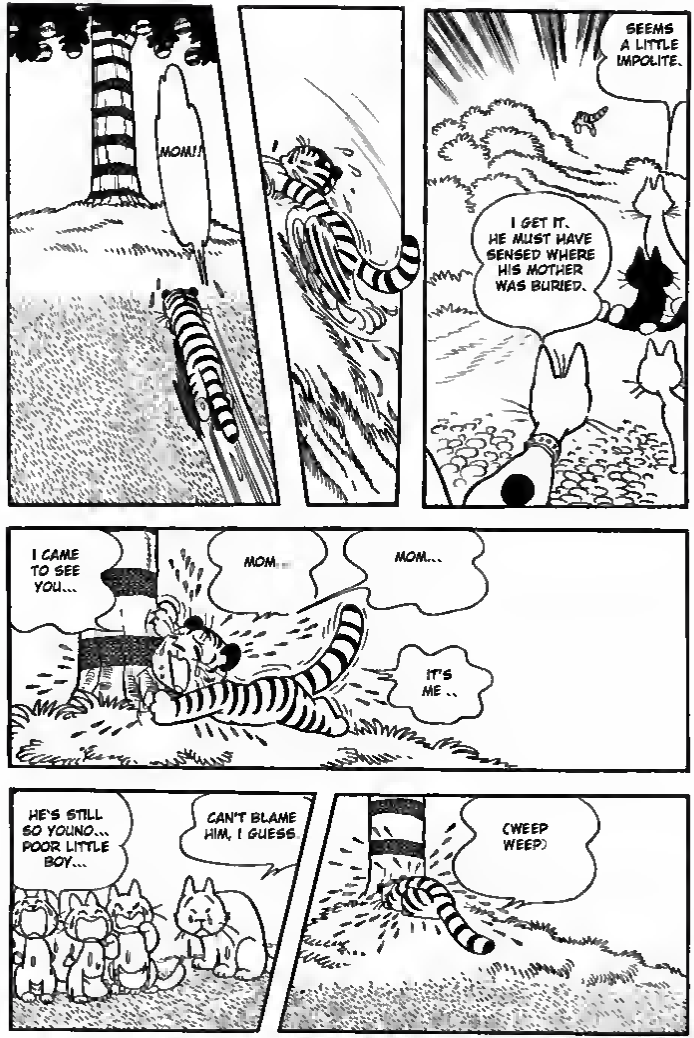

NOW LOOK HOW FAR BEHIND YOU ARE.



STARTING TO GET TIRED, AREN'T YA?

NO!
HE'S NOT COMING BACK UP...
NO WAY! I'M DONE TAKING REQUESTS!
STOP THE BOAT!
OH NO... HE'S SINKING AGAIN!
COME BACK, LITTLE TIGER!
THAT CRAZY KID...
HAJIMU JUMPED IN AFTER HIM?
H-HAJIMU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DOESN'T MEAN MUCH TO GO SAVE ME IF YOU CAN'T SWIM.
I PROMISED THAT GRANDMOTHER OF YOURS I WAS GOING TO RETURN YOU TWO SAFELY!
MY APOLOGIES.
UWAH! HAJIMU! SAVE ME!!

I KNEW YOU ALL WERE GOING TO BRING THAT TIGER BACK GOOD JOB.
WELCOME BACK.
....
BET YOU'RE TIRED.
HEY.
I'LL TALK TO HIM IN TIGER LANGUAGE.
HE'S HAD A PRETTY ROUGH GO OF IT FOR JUST A KID. TAKE CARE OF HIM.
GYEOW!
HE'S JUST BEING SHY. HE STILL DOESN'T KNOW EVERYBODY AROUND HERE YET.
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, HUH?
OH MY!!


MOM!!
SEEMS A LITTLE IMPOLITE.
I GET IT. HE MUST HAVE SENSED WHERE HIS MOTHER WAS BURIED.
I CAME TO SEE YOU...
MOM...
MOM...
IT'S ME..
HE'S STILL SO YOUNG... POOR LITTLE BOY...
CAN'T BLAME HIM, I GUESS.
(WEEP WEEP)

NO... I WANT TO STAY RIGHT HERE.
I SAID, DON'T JUST SIT THERE CRYING FOREVER. COME ON ALREADY.
OK, NOW, YOU SHOULD HAVE MOST OF THOSE TEARS CRIED OUT NOW.
YOU LITTLE...
I DON'T WANT TO. I WANT TO LIVE HERE ALL BY MYSELF.
NO, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING OVER WITH ALL OF US.
I'M NOT MOVING FROM THIS SPOT!
LEAVE ME ALONE.
YOU FOLLOW WHAT I TELL YOU ON THIS ISLAND!
YOU SPOILED LITTLE KID!
YOU THINK I'D LIVE WITH CATS?
YOU CAN'T MAKE ME GO, I'M A TIGER!
LEAVE OR I'LL START BITING.
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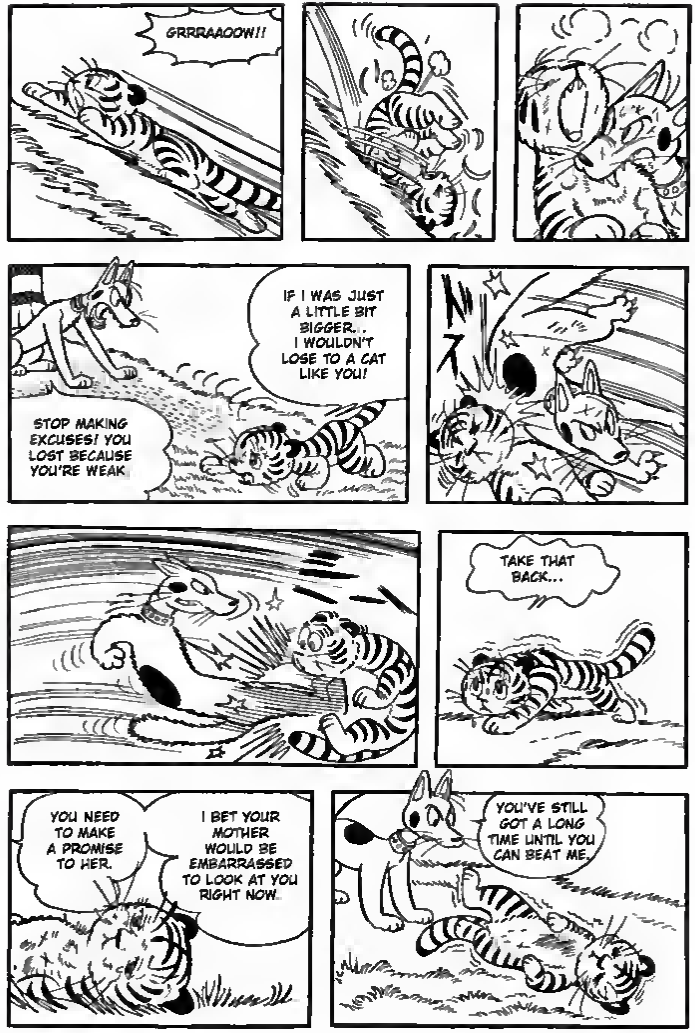
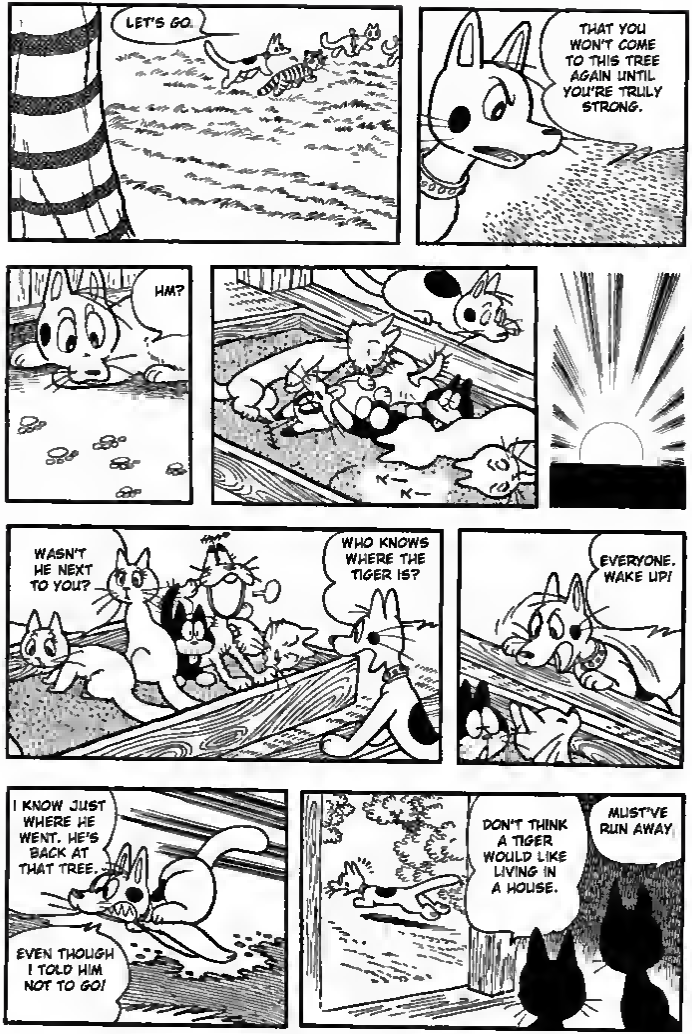
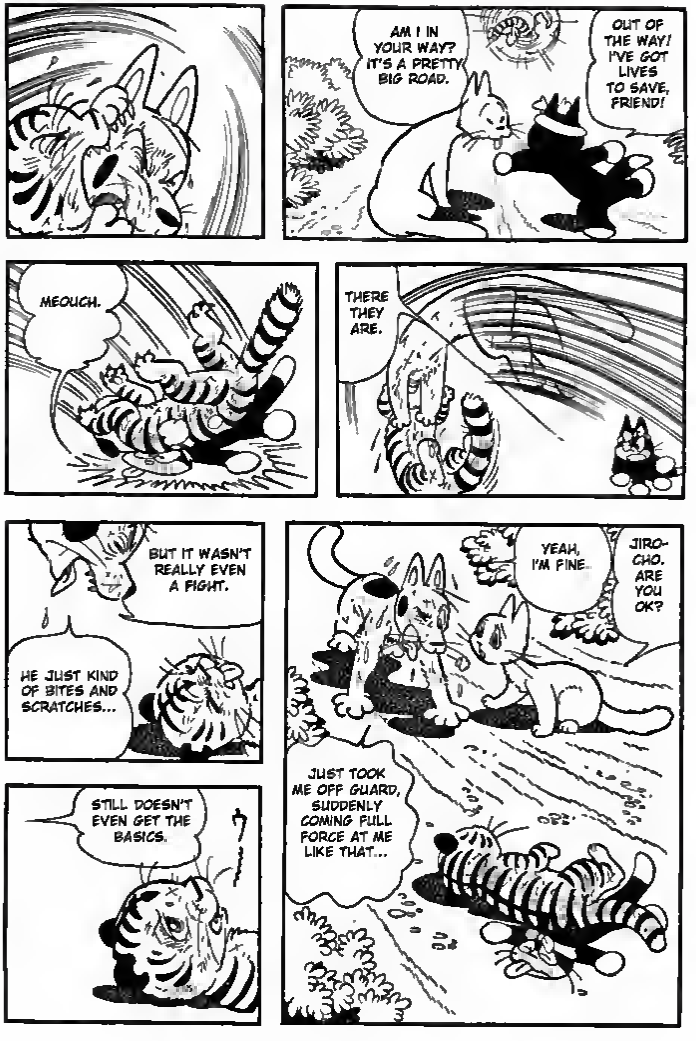
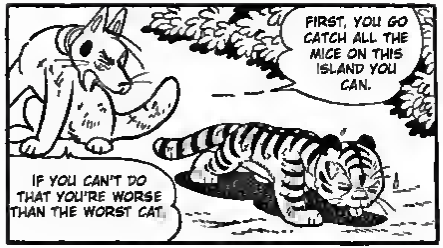

GRRRAAOOW!!
IF I WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT BIGGER... I WOULDN'T LOSE TO A CAT LIKE YOU!
STOP MAKING EXCUSES! YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU'RE WEAK.
TAKE THAT BACK...
YOU NEED TO MAKE A PROMISE TO HER.
I BET YOUR MOTHER WOULD BE EMBARRASSED TO LOOK AT YOU RIGHT NOW.
YOU'VE STILL GOT A LONG TIME UNTIL YOU CAN BEAT ME.


LET'S GO.
THAT YOU WON'T COME TO THIS TREE AGAIN UNTIL YOU'RE TRULY STRONG.
HM?
WASN'T HE NEXT TO YOU?
WHO KNOWS WHERE THE TIGER IS?
EVERYONE. WAKE UP!
I KNOW JUST WHERE HE WENT. HE'S BACK AT THAT TREE.
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO!
DON'T THINK A TIGER WOULD LIKE LIVING IN A HOUSE.
MUST'VE RUN AWAY.

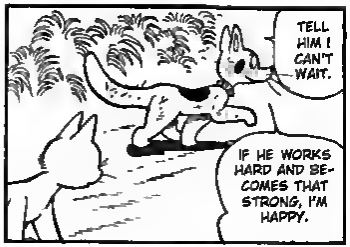
HEY. YOU'RE NOT AT THE PEAR TREE.
OF COURSE NOT. I'M WAITING HERE TO FIGHT YOU!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S THE WEAK ONE!
HEY... YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME AGAIN? ALREADY?
YOU'RE TAKING BACK HOW YOU SAID I'M WEAK.
IT'S PRETTY ROUGH. THEY'RE OVER THAT WAY!
WHAT? THAT TIGER'S PICKING A FIGHT WITH JIRO-CHO?!
THANKS, BUT I DON'T NEED YOUR WORRY. THERE'S SAMURAI BLOOD IN THIS CAT!
BE CARE-FUL!!
I'LL HAVE TO GO SETTLE THIS!
CAN'T SIT STILL HEARING THAT.

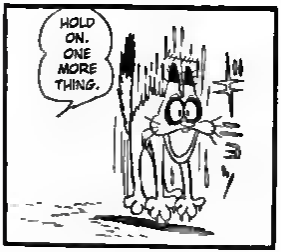

AM I IN YOUR WAY? IT'S A PRETTY BIG ROAD.
OUT OF THE WAY! I'VE GOT LIVES TO SAVE, FRIEND!
MEOUCH.
THERE THEY ARE.
BUT IT WASN'T REALLY EVEN A FIGHT.
HE JUST KIND OF BITES AND SCRATCHES...
YEAH, I'M FINE.
JIRO-CHO. ARE YOU OK?
JUST TOOK ME OFF GUARD, SUDDENLY COMING FULL FORCE AT ME LIKE THAT...
STILL DOESN'T EVEN GET THE BASICS.



CATCH ALL THE MICE ON THIS ISLAND AND I'LL CHANGE IT TO SHIROBOSHI* FOR YOU.
FROM NOW ON, YOUR NAME IS KUROBOSHI.*
YOU SHOULDN'T JUST GO CHALLENGING JIROCHO TO A FIGHT.

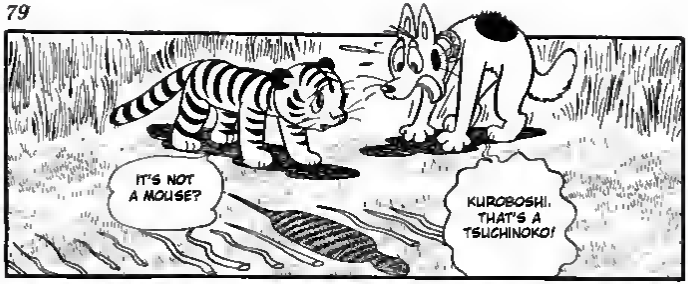
KUROBOSHI: BLACK STAR FAILURE IN SUMO TERMS
SHIROBOSHI: WHITE STAR VICTORY IN SUMO TERMS

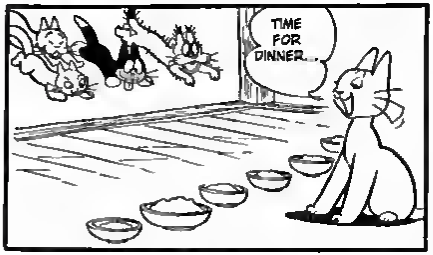


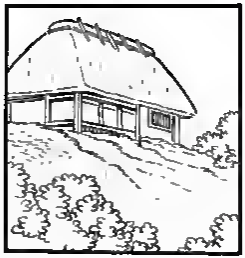


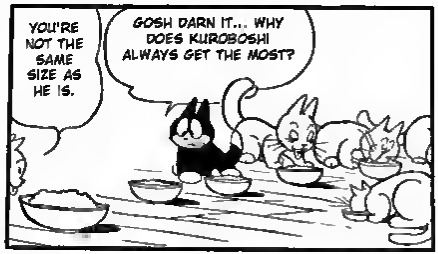
DARN IT.. I JUST GOT THE TAIL AGAIN...
MICE ARE REALLY HARD TO CATCH...
LOOK . I'VE GOT NOTHING BUT TAILS SO FAR.
WHAT WAS THAT?

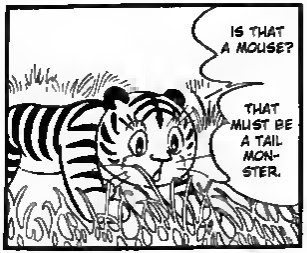
THIS MUST BE WHERE IT IS.
SQUEAK SQUEAK!
HE DIDN'T ASK.
DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM THAT PLACE IS FULL OF POI-SONOUS SNAKES?
HE ASKED ME WHERE TO FIND SOME MICE.
WHAT?! YOU SENT KUROBOSHI OUT NEAR THE EAST CLIFF? WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!



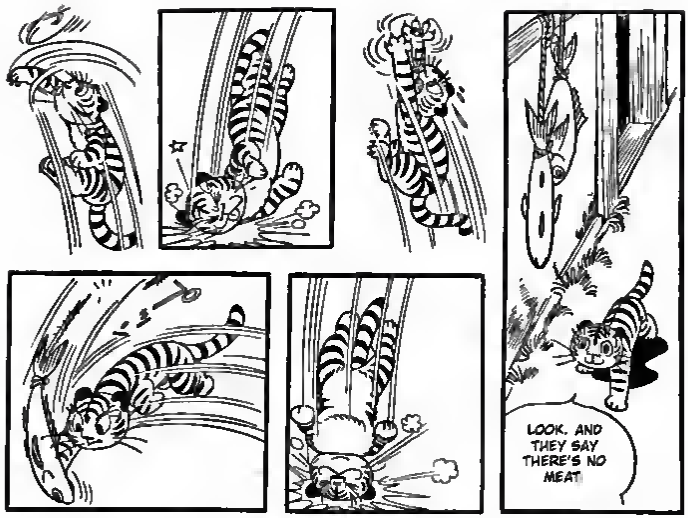


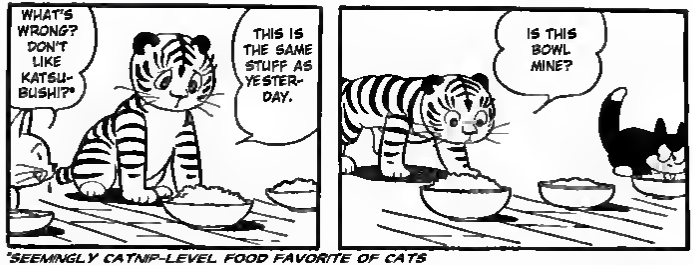




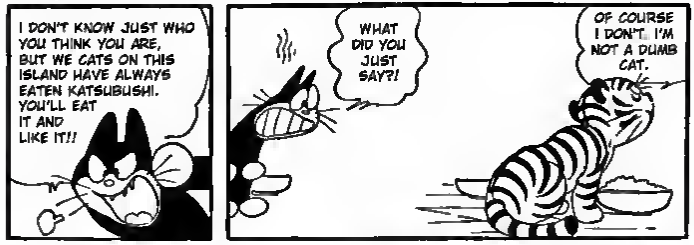


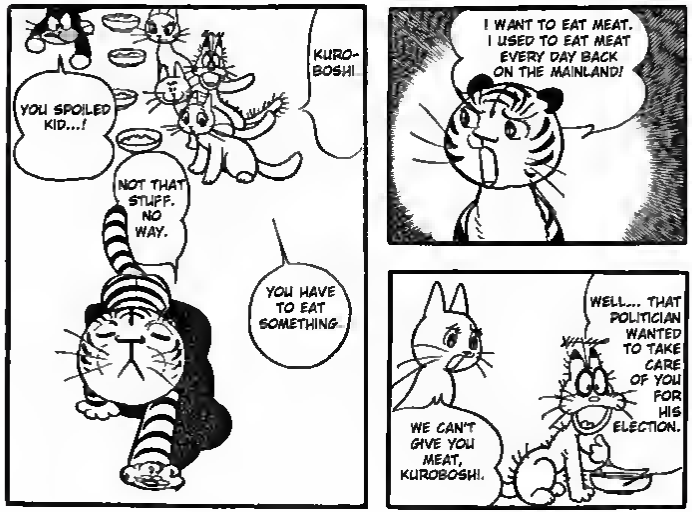
*"MYTHICAL SNAKE-LIKE CREATURE"

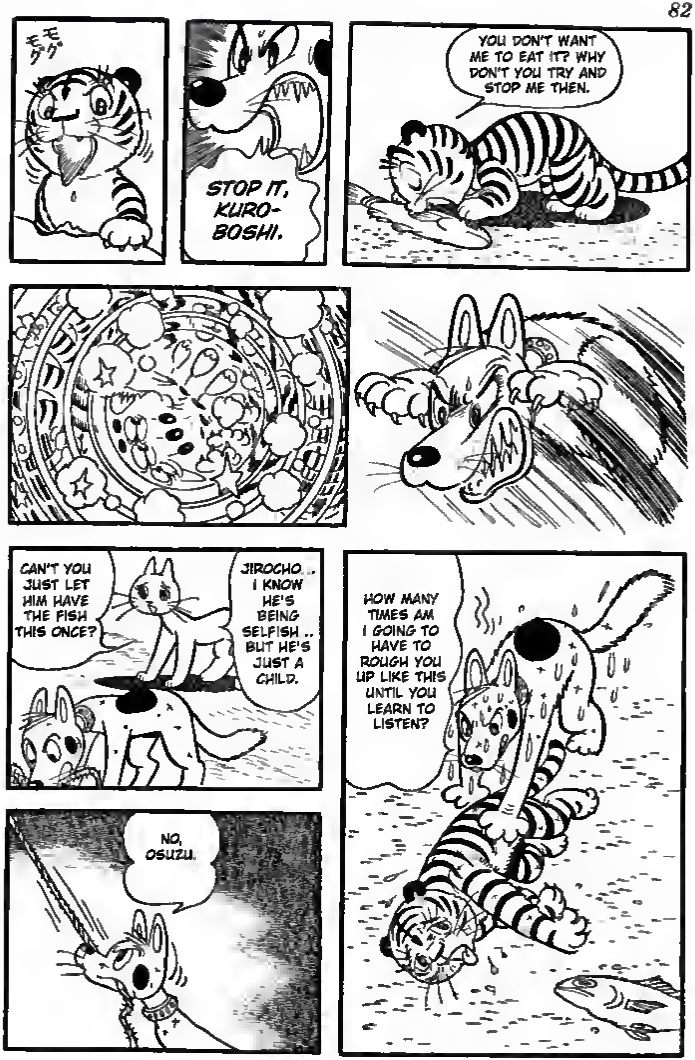

LOOK. AND THEY SAY THERE'S NO MEAT
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT FISH FROM?
I SAW IT HANGING OUT OVER THERE SO I TOOK IT
HEY...
KURO-BOSHI ..?
AGAIN WITH THIS ATTI-TUDE...
I FOUND THEM, SO NOW THEY'RE MINE. LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE THEM..
THOSE ARE FISH THAT YAJIROBE CAUGHT.



*SEEMINGLY CATNIP-LEVEL FOOD FAVORITE OF CATS


I DON'T KNOW JUST WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE, BUT WE CATS ON THIS ISLAND HAVE ALWAYS EATEN KATSUBUSHI. YOU'LL EAT IT AND LIKE IT!!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
OF COURSE I DON'T. I'M NOT A DUMB CAT.


YOU SPOILED KID...!
KURO-BOSHI
NOT THAT STUFF. NO WAY.
YOU HAVE TO EAT SOMETHING.
I WANT TO EAT MEAT. I USED TO EAT MEAT EVERY DAY BACK ON THE MAINLAND!
WE CAN'T GIVE YOU MEAT, KUROBOSHI.
WELL... THAT POLITICIAN WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU FOR HIS ELECTION.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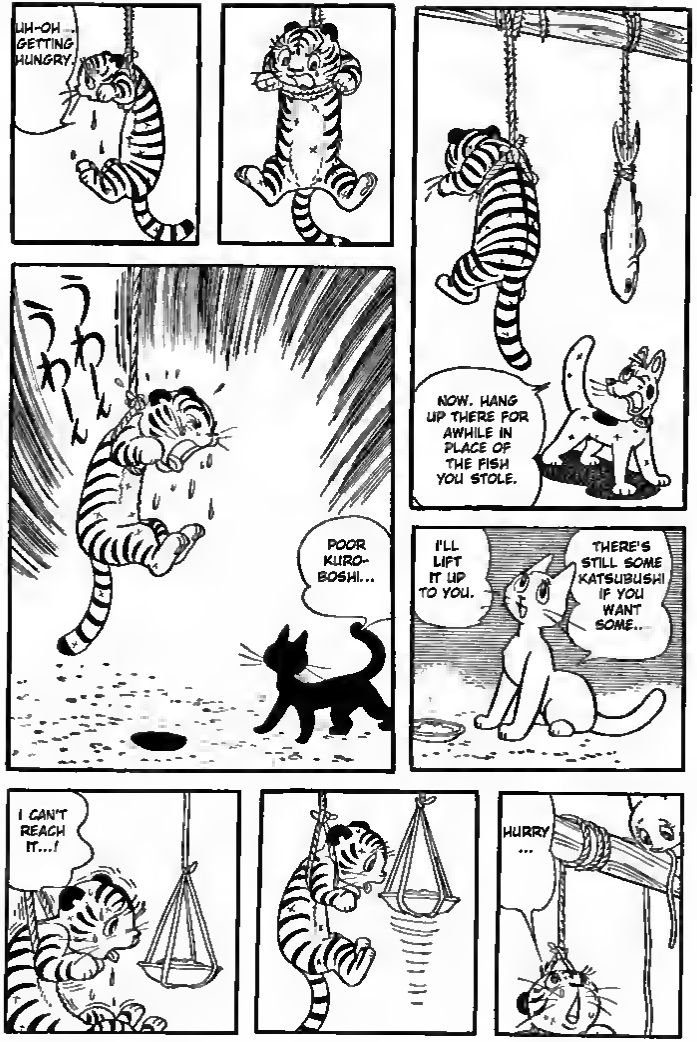
STOP IT, KURO-BOSHI.
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO EAT IT? WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND STOP ME THEN.
CAN'T YOU JUST LET HIM HAVE THE FISH THIS ONCE?
JIROCHO.. I KNOW HE'S BEING SELFISH.. BUT HE'S JUST A CHILD.
NO, OSUZU.
HOW MANY TIMES AM I GOING TO HAVE TO ROUGH YOU UP LIKE THIS UNTIL YOU LEARN TO LISTEN?


UH-OH... GETTING HUNGRY.
NOW, HANG UP THERE FOR AWHILE IN PLACE OF THE FISH YOU STOLE.
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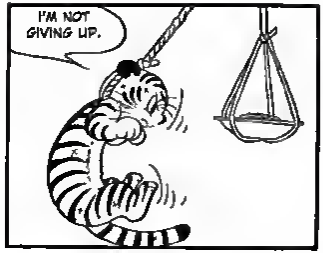
POOR KURO-BOSHI...
I'LL LIFT IT UP TO YOU.
THERE'S STILL SOME KATSUBUSHI IF YOU WANT SOME..
I CAN'T REACH IT...!
HURRY...


I'M NOT GIVING UP.

YOU NEED TO LEAVE HIM ALONE, OSUZU!
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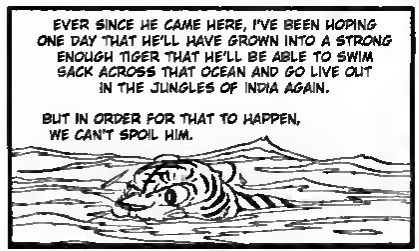
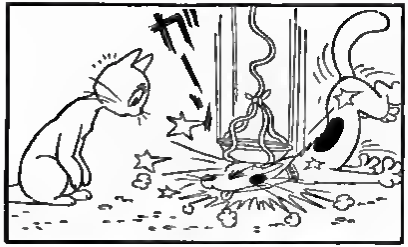
OUT THERE IT'S EAT OR BE EATEN. BUT WHAT ABOUT HERE? NOW HE'S JUST ON SOME ISLAND WITH A BUNCH OF CATS.

THINK ABOUT WHAT LIFE KUROBOSHI WOULD BE LIVING IF HE WERE STILL IN THE JUNGLE RIGHT NOW.

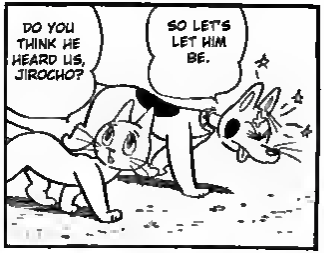

EVER SINCE HE CAME HERE, I'VE BEEN HOPING ONE DAY THAT HE'LL HAVE GROWN INTO A STRONG ENOUGH TIGER THAT HE'LL BE ABLE TO SWIM BACK ACROSS THAT OCEAN AND GO LIVE OUT IN THE JUNGLES OF INDIA AGAIN.
BUT IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, WE CAN'T SPOIL HIM.

THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT'LL DO TO HIM. HE'LL NEVER BECOME THE PROUD ANIMAL HE WAS MEANT TO BE.

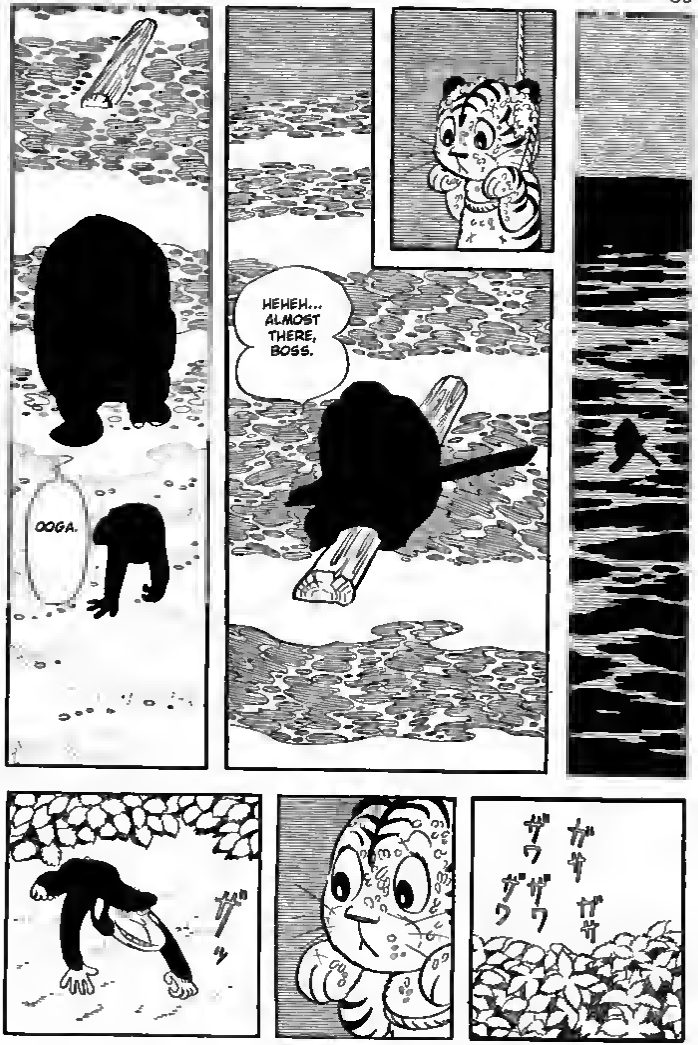


...YOU'RE RIGHT.
I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY.

WISH I HAD A MOUSE CAMERA RIGHT NOW.
HEY THERE. HANGING OUT TO DRY FOR A BIT? HA!
HEY BIRDS! TRY BITING HIS TAIL.
STOP. STOP! GO AWAY!


DO YOU THINK HE HEARD US, JIROCHO?
SO LET'S LET HIM BE.

I HOPE HE DID. I WAS SAYING IT FOR HIM.


HEHEH... ALMOST THERE, BOSS.
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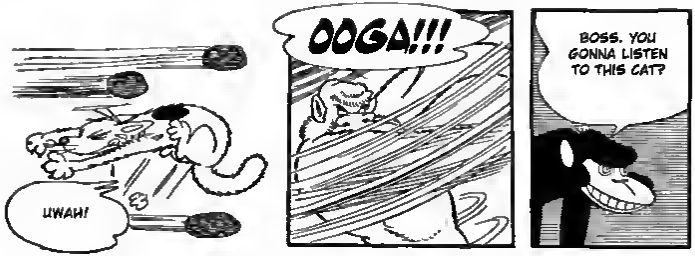
ISN'T IT A LITTLE LATE FOR YOU TO BE HANGING OUT ON A ROPE?
I'M BEING PUNISHED. WHO ARE YOU?
HEHEH... WELL WELL.
SOUNDS LIKE JUST THE PLACE I'D WANNA LIVE IF I WAS MAKING A NEW HOME.
JUST PEOPLE AND CATS.
THERE OTHER TIGERS ON THIS ISLAND? WHO ALL LIVES HERE?
NO!
LEAVE IT ALONE! COME BACK...
DON'T DO ANYTHING TO THAT TREE!
BOSS. SMELLS LIKE THERE'S A PEAR TREE AROUND.
WAIT A MINUTE... I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING. SMELLS LIKE IT MIGHT BE.. PEARS?
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT. MAYBE HAVE A LATE NIGHT SNACK.


UWAH!
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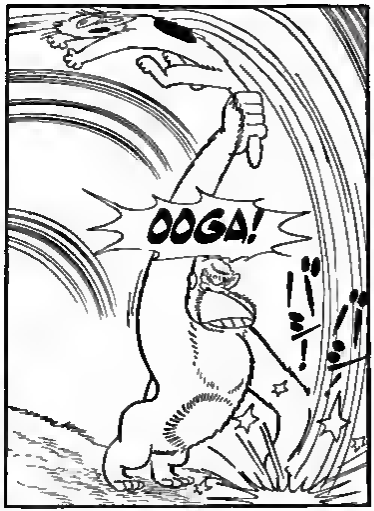
BOSS. YOU GONNA LISTEN TO THIS CAT?

YOU BE A GOOD CAT AND STICK TO YOUR CAT FOOD. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PEARS.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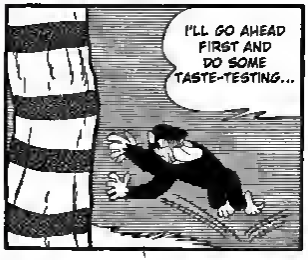
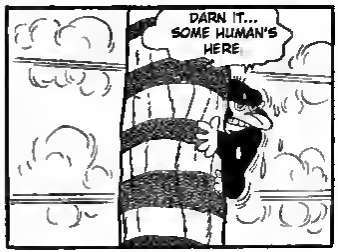
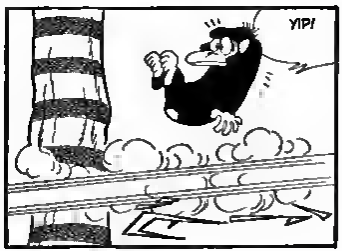

I'LL GO AHEAD FIRST AND DO SOME TASTE-TESTING...


DARN IT... SOME HUMAN'S HERE.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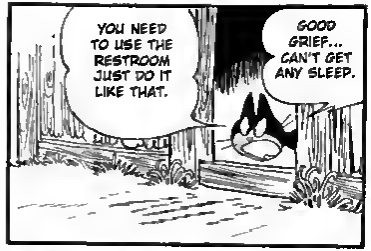
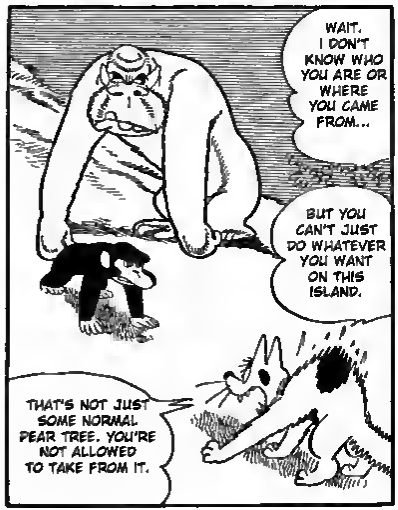
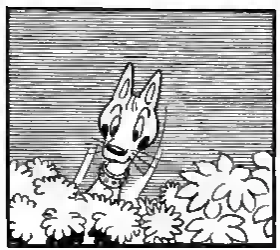

YOU NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM JUST DO IT LIKE THAT.
GOOD GRIEF... CAN'T GET ANY SLEEP.

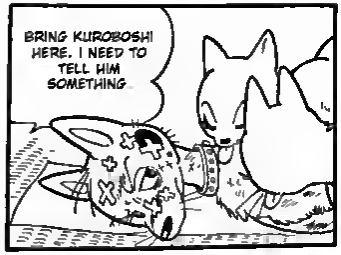
DON'T GO! COME BACK! SOMEBODY STOP THEM!

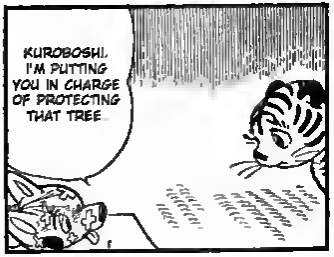
JIROCHO .. THESE TWO BAD GUYS JUST HEADED FOR THE PEAR TREE!


WAIT. I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU CAME FROM...
BUT YOU CAN'T JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT ON THIS ISLAND.
THAT'S NOT JUST SOME NORMAL PEAR TREE. YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE FROM IT.

THERE IT IS, BOSS. RIPE FOR THE PICKIN'.

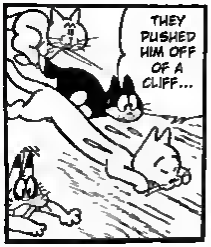



BRING KUROBOSHI HERE. I NEED TO TELL HIM SOMETHING.

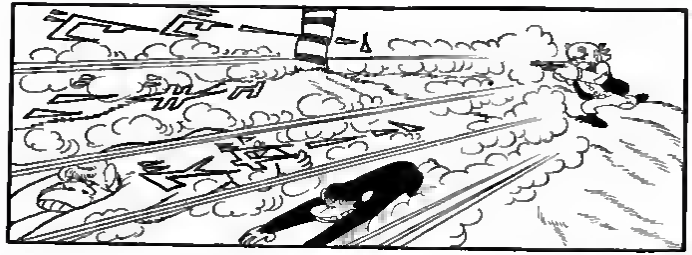

KUROBOSHI. I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING THAT TREE.

THEY GOT ME. SNUCK UP FROM BEHIND ME AND PUSHED ME OFF THIS CLIFF... THINK I BROKE MY LEG...

LET THOSE MONKEYS BE AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THEY'LL DO. NEED TO GO KICK THEM OUT OF HERE.

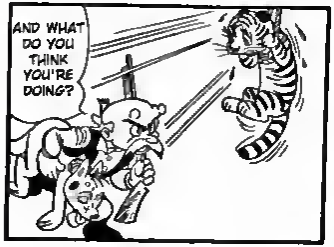

THEY PUSHED HIM OFF OF A CLIFF...

EVERYONE HURRY... YAJIROBE'S HURT.

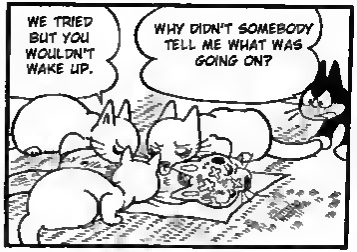


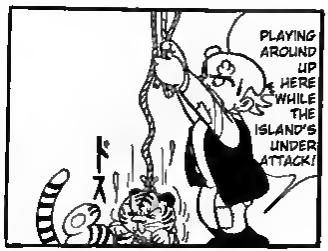
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF US, LUMP HEAD.
THINK YOU CAN SCARE US AWAY WITH THAT GUN?

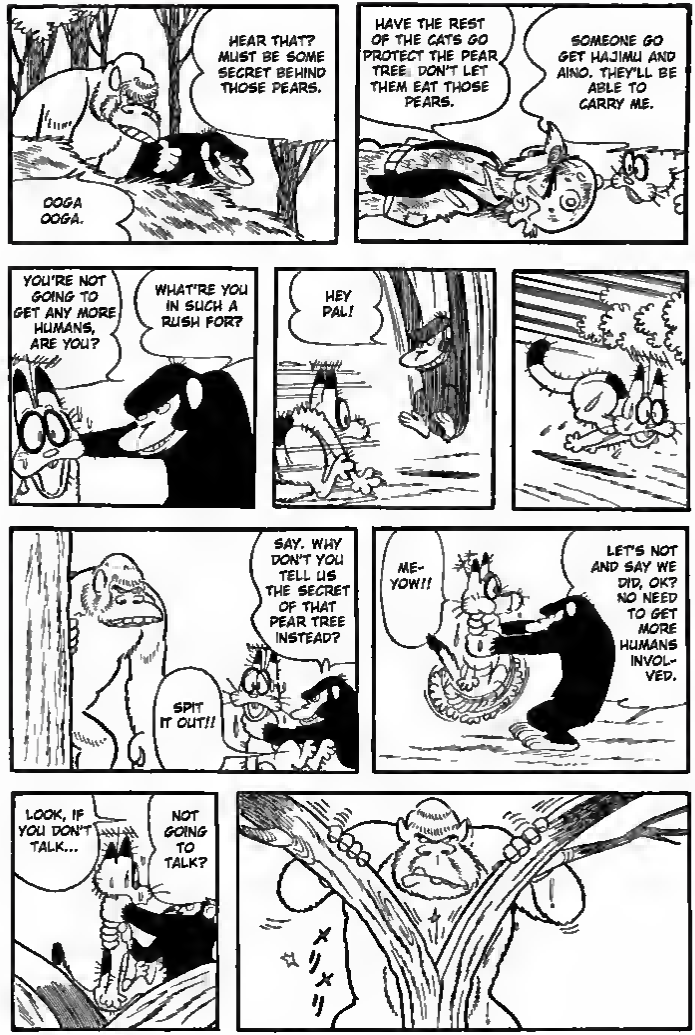
WHERE'D THESE BLASTED MONKEYS COME FROM? GET OFF THE ISLAND!


AND WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

JIROCHO... LOOK WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO YOU...


WE TRIED BUT YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP.
WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT WAS GOING ON?


PLAYING AROUND UP HERE WHILE THE ISLAND'S UNDER ATTACK!


OOGA OOGA.
HEAR THAT? MUST BE SOME SECRET BEHIND THOSE PEARS.
SOMEONE GO GET HAJIMU AND AINO. THEY'LL BE ABLE TO CARRY ME.
HAVE THE REST OF THE CATS GO PROTECT THE PEAR TREE. DON'T LET THEM EAT THOSE PEARS.
WHAT'RE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH FOR?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY MORE HUMANS, ARE YOU?
HEY PAL!
LET'S NOT AND SAY WE DID, OK? NO NEED TO GET MORE HUMANS INVOLVED.
ME-YOW!!
SPIT IT OUT!!
SAY. WHY DON'T YOU TELL US THE SECRET OF THAT PEAR TREE INSTEAD?
NOT GOING TO TALK?
LOOK, IF YOU DON'T TALK...
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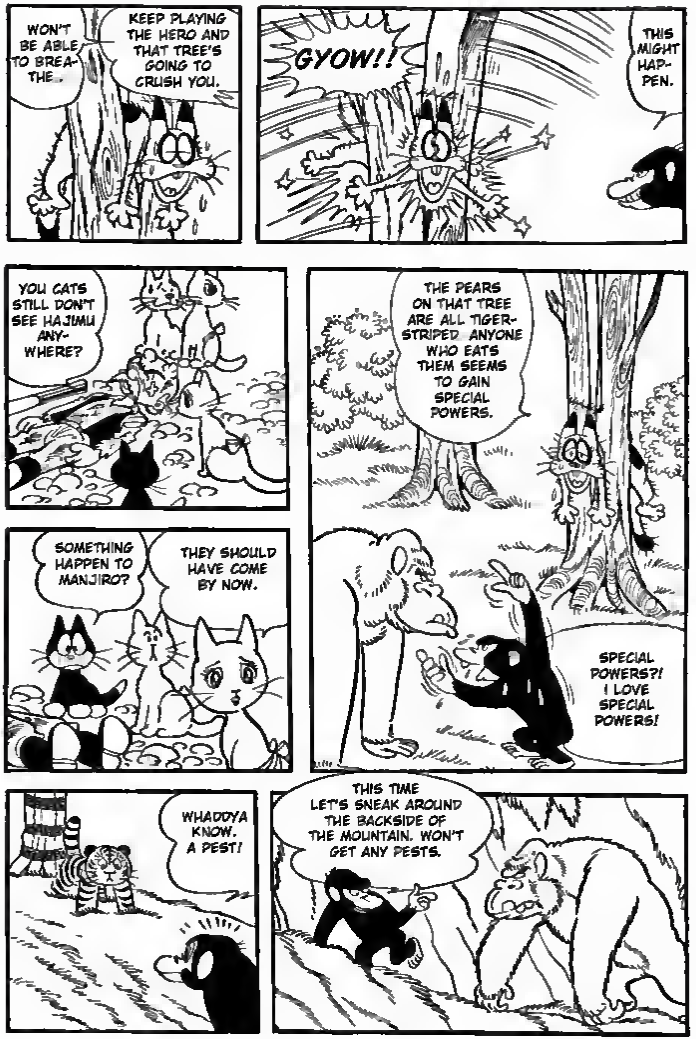
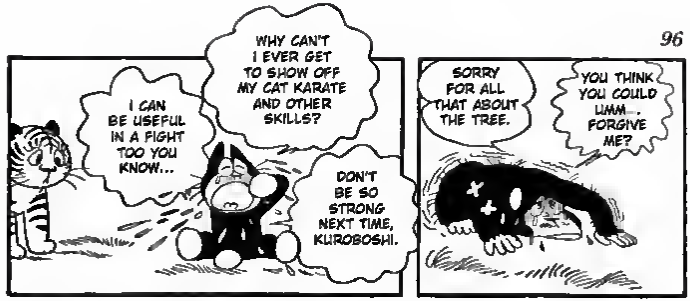
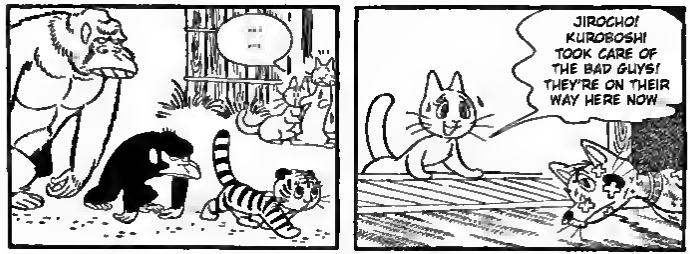

THIS MIGHT HAP-PEN.
GYOW!!
KEEP PLAYING THE HERO AND THAT TREE'S GOING TO CRUSH YOU.
WON'T BE ABLE TO BREA-THE..
SPECIAL POWERS?! I LOVE SPECIAL POWERS!
THE PEARS ON THAT TREE ARE ALL TIGER-STRIPED. ANYONE WHO EATS THEM SEEMS TO GAIN SPECIAL POWERS.
YOU CATS STILL DON'T SEE HAJIMU ANY-WHERE?
THEY SHOULD HAVE COME BY NOW.
SOMETHING HAPPEN TO MANJIRO?
WHADDYA KNOW. A PEST!
THIS TIME LET'S SNEAK AROUND THE BACKSIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN. WON'T GET ANY PESTS.

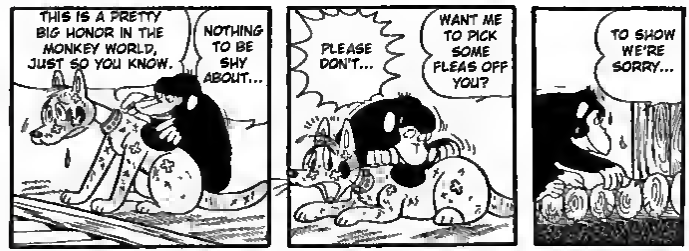
I'M PROTECTING THIS TREE
I'M NOT GETTING OUT OF YOUR WAY.
AREN'T YOU THAT TIGER WE SAW HANGING FROM A ROPE LAST NIGHT?
GET OUT OF OUR WAY OR YOU'LL GET HURT, OK?
LET'S TRY THIS...
GOT A LOT OF CONFIDENCE, DON'T YOU?
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MONKEYS. BUT I KNOW THEY HATE SNAKES!
Y-YIKES!! A S-S-S-S-SHAKE!!
OOGA...!!
OOGA!

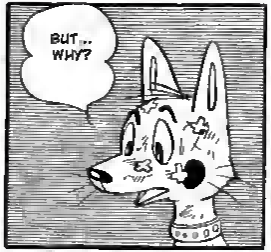
HE GOT THE BOSS...
GA. GA.
OOGA?
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO JIROCHO!
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THOSE SNAKES!!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO WIN IF IT'S JUST YOU.
Y-YOW!!
NO... NO THANK YOU! STOP!
HAD ENOUGH? READY FOR ME TO BITE YOU?
GRRR... I'M NOT STOPPING UNTIL YOU LOSE!
Y-YOU DON'T QUIT, DO YOU?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A REAL TIGER... SHOULDN'T HAVE PICKED A FIGHT WITH YOU...
SORRY. YOU WERE JUST A BIT TOO LATE.
DON'T WORRY! I'M ON MY WAY!
THERE WAS JUST A SCREAM OVER HERE... BETTER HURRY AND LEND A HAND.


I CAN BE USEFUL IN A FIGHT TOO YOU KNOW...
WHY CAN'T I EVER GET TO SHOW OFF MY CAT KARATE AND OTHER SKILLS?
DON'T BE SO STRONG NEXT TIME, KUROBOSHI.
SORRY FOR ALL THAT ABOUT THE TREE.
YOU THINK YOU COULD UMM... FORGIVE ME?

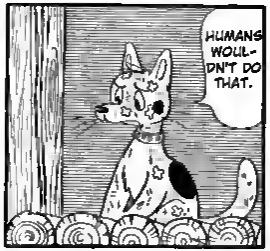

JIROCHO! KUROBOSHI TOOK CARE OF THE BAD GUYS! THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY HERE NOW.

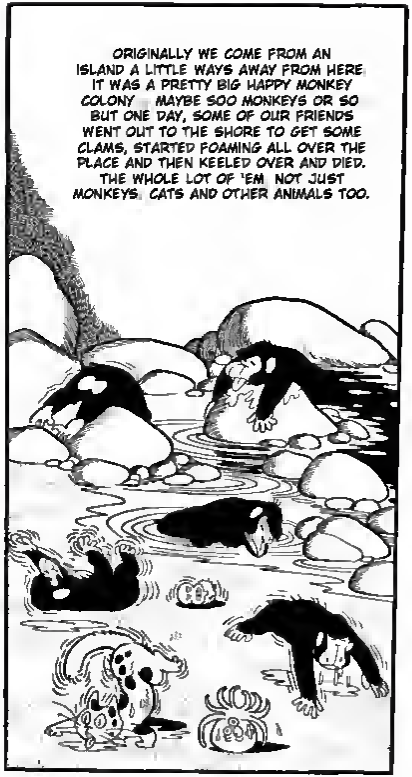
WE'RE SORRY WE TRIED TO TAKE OVER YOUR ISLAND. WE DIDN'T WANT TO, HONESTLY..
WE'RE JUST KIND OF VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCE.
NOW, APOLOGIZE IN FRONT OF EVERY-BODY.


THIS IS A PRETTY BIG HONOR IN THE MONKEY WORLD, JUST SO YOU KNOW.
NOTHING TO BE SHY ABOUT...
PLEASE DON'T...
WANT ME TO PICK SOME FLEAS OFF YOU?
TO SHOW WE'RE SORRY...

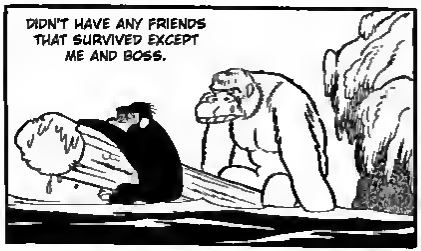

BUT... WHY?

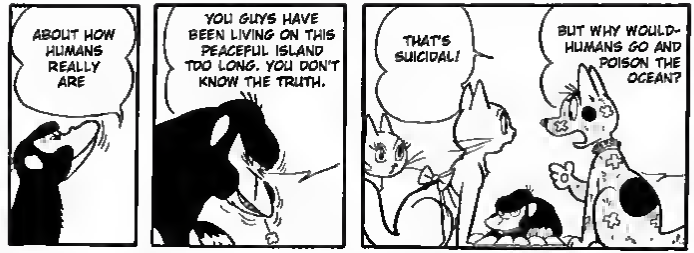
RUMOR IS THAT HUMANS POISONED THE WATER.

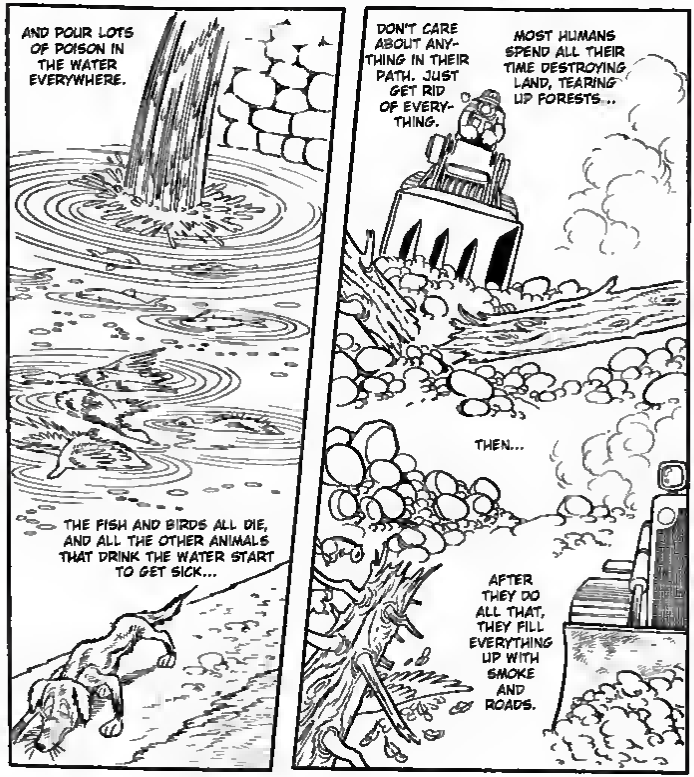

HUMANS WOUL-DN'T DO THAT.

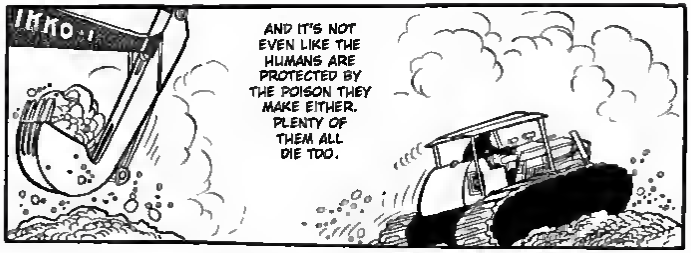

ORIGINALLY WE COME FROM AN ISLAND A LITTLE WAYS AWAY FROM HERE. IT WAS A PRETTY BIG HAPPY MONKEY COLONY... MAYBE 500 MONKEYS OR SO BUT ONE DAY, SOME OF OUR FRIENDS WENT OUT TO THE SHORE TO GET SOME CLAMS, STARTED FOAMING ALL OVER THE PLACE AND THEN KEELED OVER AND DIED. THE WHOLE LOT OF 'EM NOT JUST MONKEYS. CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS TOO.

ALL WE COULD DO IS HOP ON A LOG AND SEE WHERE IT TAKES US... WHICH WAS HERE.

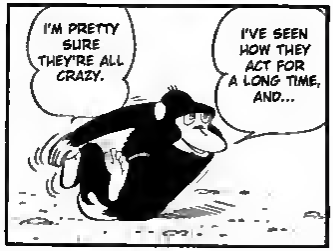

DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS THAT SURVIVED EXCEPT ME AND BOSS.

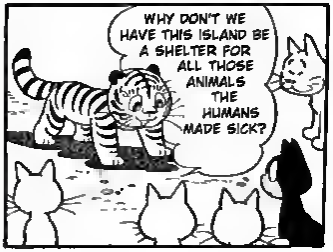

ABOUT HOW HUMANS REALLY ARE
YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN LIVING ON THIS PEACEFUL ISLAND TOO LONG. YOU DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH.
THAT'S SUICIDAL!
BUT WHY WOULD HUMANS GO AND POISON THE OCEAN?


AND POUR LOTS OF POISON IN THE WATER EVERYWHERE.
THE FISH AND BIRDS ALL DIE, AND ALL THE OTHER ANIMALS THAT DRINK THE WATER START TO GET SICK...
DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY-THING IN THEIR PATH. JUST GET RID OF EVERY-THING.
MOST HUMANS SPEND ALL THEIR TIME DESTROYING LAND, TEARING UP FORESTS...
THEN...
AFTER THEY DO ALL THAT, THEY FILL EVERYTHING UP WITH SMOKE AND ROADS.

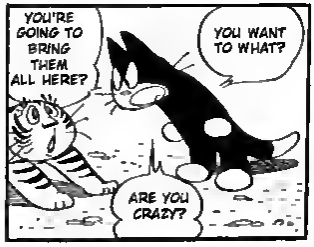

IKKO :(
AND IT'S NOT EVEN LIKE THE HUMANS ARE PROTECTED BY THE POISON THEY MAKE EITHER. PLENTY OF THEM ALL DIE TOO.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. IF THE HUMANS KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS GOING TO MAKE THEM SICK, WHY DO THEY DO IT?


I'M PRETTY SURE THEY'RE ALL CRAZY.
I'VE SEEN HOW THEY ACT FOR A LONG TIME, AND...

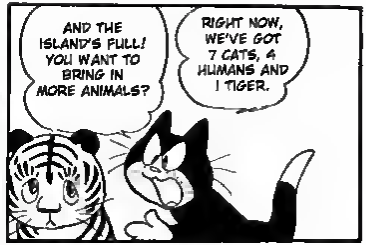

WHY DON'T WE HAVE THIS ISLAND BE A SHELTER FOR ALL THOSE ANIMALS THE HUMANS MADE SICK?

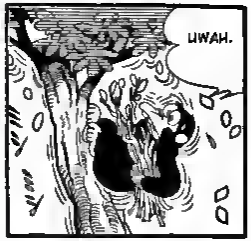
HUMANS JUST HAVE SOME EVOLVING LEFT TO DO UNTIL THEY GET AS SMART AS US.


YOU'RE GOING TO BRING THEM ALL HERE?
YOU WANT TO WHAT?
ARE YOU CRAZY?

WE COULD BRING THEM HERE.
AND WE COULD ALL LIVE HERE!
JUST LIKE I CAME HERE.

YOU THINK WE'VE GOT ROOM FOR A GIANT LIKE THAT BOSS OF YOURS?
YOU'RE NOT.. GOING TO MAKE US LEAVE TOO, ARE YOU?


AND THE ISLAND'S FULL! YOU WANT TO BRING IN MORE ANIMALS?
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT 7 CATS, 4 HUMANS AND 1 TIGER.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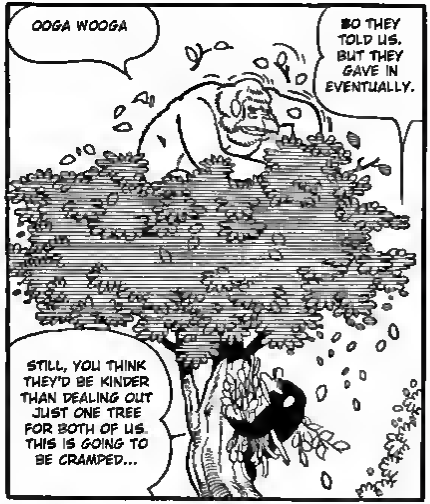
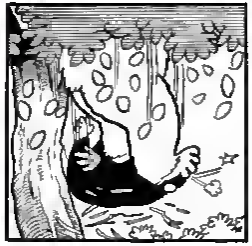
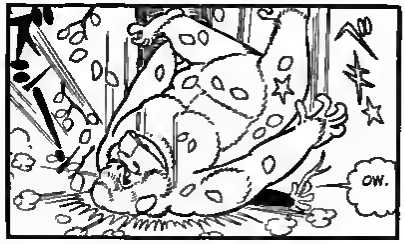

OOGA WOOGA
SO THEY TOLD US. BUT THEY GAVE IN EVENTUALLY.
STILL, YOU THINK THEY'D BE KINDER THAN DEALING OUT JUST ONE TREE FOR BOTH OF US. THIS IS GOING TO BE CRAMPED...



OOGAGA.
I DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO WORK OUT.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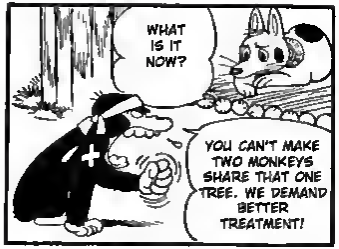

WHAT IS IT NOW?
YOU CAN'T MAKE TWO MONKEYS SHARE THAT ONE TREE. WE DEMAND BETTER TREATMENT!

I'M GOING TO GO TALK TO THOSE CATS AND SET THINGS STRAIGHT.

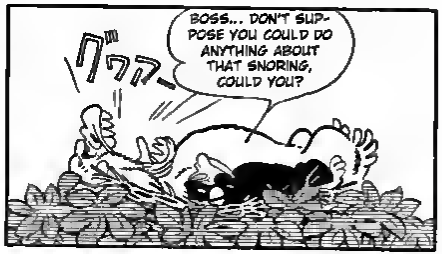
SOON WE'RE GOING TO BE GETTING A LOT OF NEW RESIDENTS ON THIS ISLAND.
WE NEED TO START MAKING SURE WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACES OPEN FOR WHEN THEY COME.

DEAL WITH IT, OK?

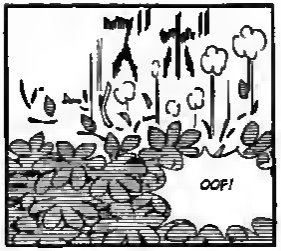
DIDN'T YOU USED TO BE AN OUTSIDER UNTIL WE LET YOU LIVE HERE?
MAYBE.

I WON'T STAND BY IT...
NO WAY.
ALL THOSE OUTSIDERS!

GYAH!


BOSS... DON'T SUPPOSE YOU COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT SNORING, COULD YOU?

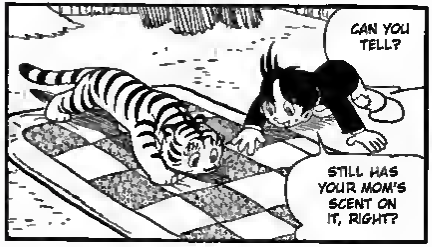
I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS EVERY NIGHT...

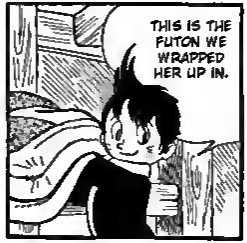

OOF!

AINO! KUROBOSHI'S COME OVER TO SEE US! HEY KUROBOSHI!
WOW... LOOK HOW BIG HE'S GOT SINCE LAST TIME!

WHEN WE FOUND YOUR MOTHER, WE HAD HER STAY IN OUR STORAGE HOUSE HERE

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SHOW YOU.

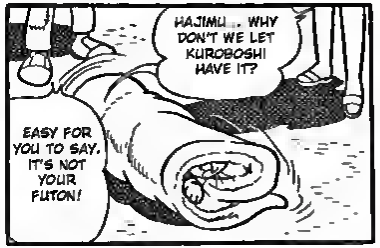

CAN YOU TELL?
STILL HAS YOUR MOM'S SCENT ON IT, RIGHT?

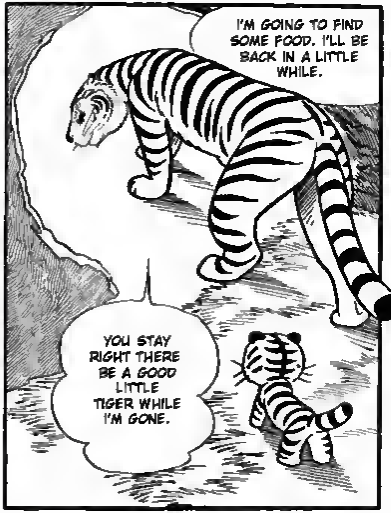

THIS IS THE FUTON WE WRAPPED HER UP IN.

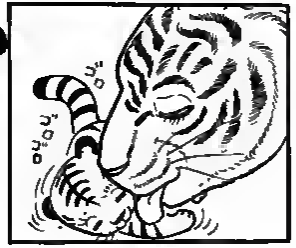
I'VE BEEN KEEPING IT FOLDED UP IN HERE. THOUGHT I'D SHOW IT TO YOU BEFORE I WASHED IT.

AINO.. LOOK HOW HAPPY HE IS!

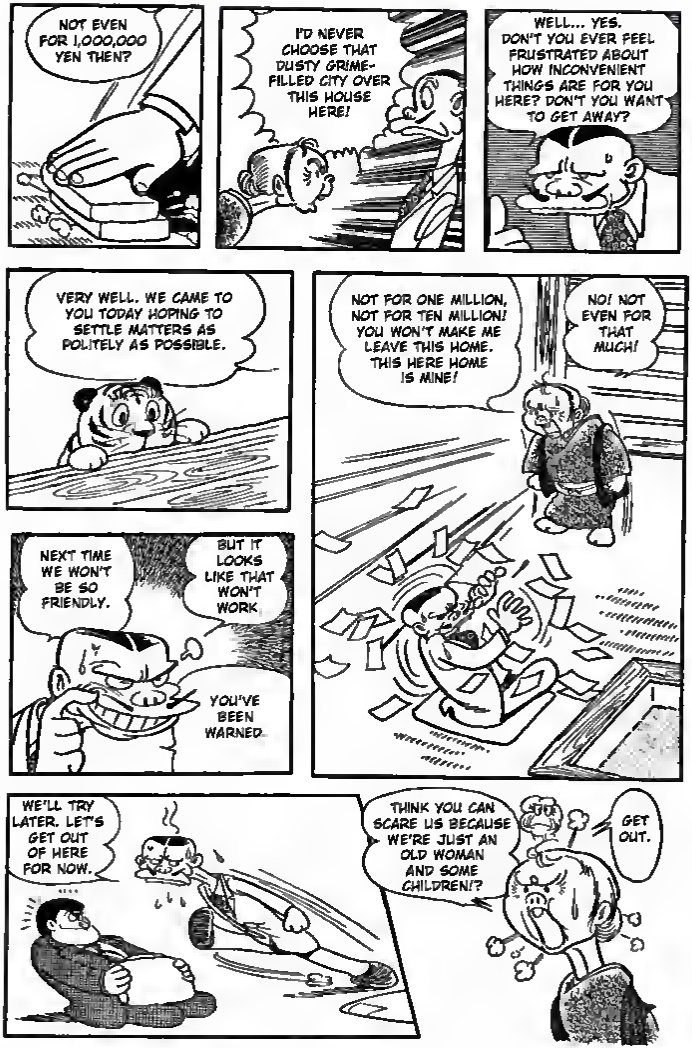
I'VE HAD TO GO WITHOUT THAT FUTON FOR WEEKS NOW
YOU'LL BE FINE. SUMMER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER

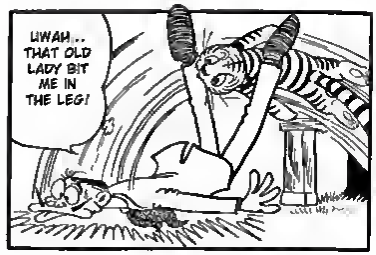

HAJIMU... WHY DON'T WE LET KUROBOSHI HAVE IT?
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. IT'S NOT YOUR FUTON!

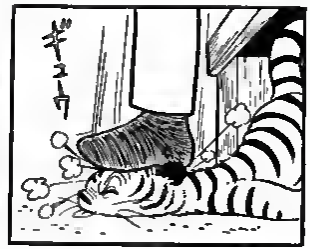

I'M GOING TO FIND SOME FOOD. I'LL BE BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE.
YOU STAY RIGHT THERE BE A GOOD LITTLE TIGER WHILE I'M GONE.



HELP!
NO!
LET GO!
HELP!
NO! MOM!
WELL, LOOK RIGHT HERE, PERFECT. LET'S SNATCH IT.
NO... THEY'RE HERE! I CAN SMELL THEM!!
WHAT? ONLY TWO?!
ABOUT HOW MANY HOUSES ARE ON THIS ISLAND?
YOU'RE ASKING ME TO GIVE UP MY HOUSE?
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS AND FIND YOURSELF A NICER PLACE OFF THIS ISLAND?
500,000 YEN.


NOT EVEN FOR 1,000,000 YEN THEN?
I'D NEVER CHOOSE THAT DUSTY GRIME-FILLED CITY OVER THIS HOUSE HERE!
WELL... YES. DON'T YOU EVER FEEL FRUSTRATED ABOUT HOW INCONVENIENT THINGS ARE FOR YOU HERE? DON'T YOU WANT TO GET AWAY?
VERY WELL. WE CAME TO YOU TODAY HOPING TO SETTLE MATTERS AS POLITELY AS POSSIBLE.
NOT FOR ONE MILLION, NOT FOR TEN MILLION! YOU WON'T MAKE ME LEAVE THIS HOME. THIS HERE HOME IS MINE!
NO! NOT EVEN FOR THAT MUCH!
NEXT TIME WE WON'T BE SO FRIENDLY.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT WON'T WORK
YOU'VE BEEN WARNED.
WE'LL TRY LATER. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FOR NOW.
THINK YOU CAN SCARE US BECAUSE WE'RE JUST AN OLD WOMAN AND SOME CHILDREN!?
GET OUT.


UWAH... THAT OLD LADY BIT ME IN THE LEG!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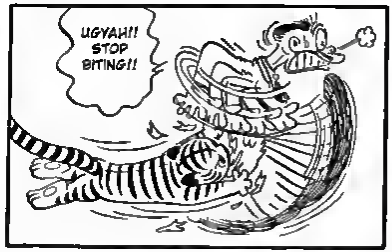
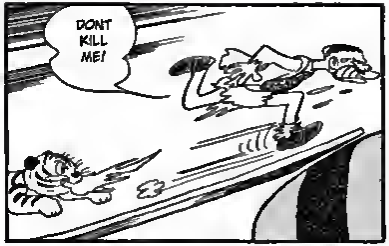
YOW-YOW-YOWCH!!
HEY! RUN AWAY AFTER YOU PUT YOUR SHOES ON!

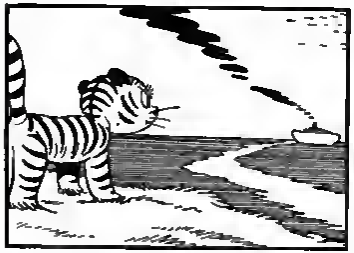
WHO BIT YOU IN THE LEG? THAT OLD LADY?

HEY. YOU... YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE... NO WAY YOU COULDN'T BE... RIGHT?
... RIGHT?


UGYAH!! STOP BITING!!

I'M GOING TO SEND YOU A BILL FOR THOSE PANTS!
WE WON'T FORGET THIS.


DON'T KILL ME!

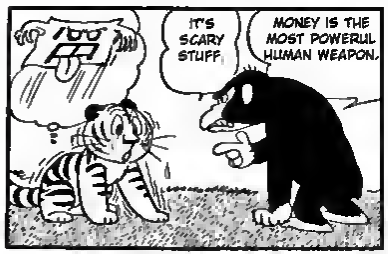


THIS ISN'T THE END, PAL.
NEXT TIME WE COME WE'RE BRINGING A CAGE FOR YOU...

SMALL PIECES OF PAPER? THAT'S NOT GOOD. THAT WAS MONEY.
WHAT'S MONEY?

I DON'T KNOW. THEY KEPT COUNTING THESE SMALL PIECES OF PAPER THEY HAD.
HUH. WHY'D THEY COME HERE?

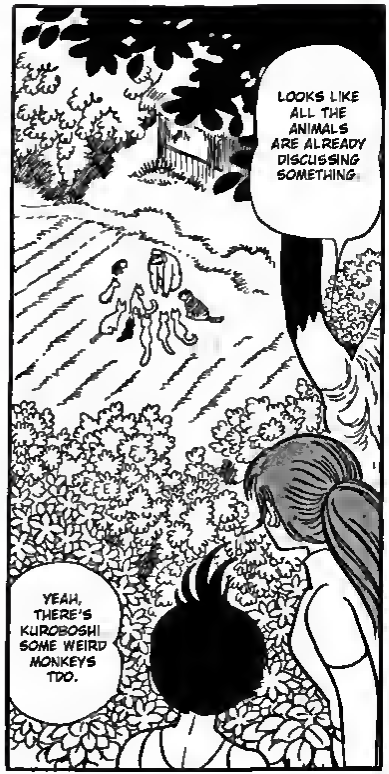
SOME OLD ENEMIES.
WHO'RE THE CHUMPS?


IT'S SCARY STUFF.
MONEY IS THE MOST POWERUL HUMAN WEAPON.

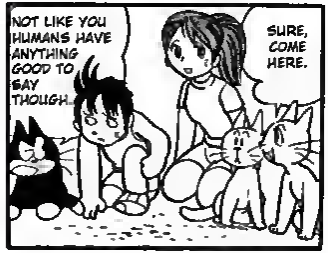
MONEY'S A PRETTY SCARY THING, STRIPES. IT'S WORST WHEN THEY HAVE IT OUT COUNTING IT LIKE YOU SAID.

DON'T BE RASH, DEAR.
I DON'T CARE. I'LL JUST MARRY YAJIROBE.
HMPH.
NOT LIKE SHE'D BE ABLE TO FIND A BOYFRIEND EVEN IF WE DID LIVE IN THE CITY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
WE LET THEM DO THAT AND I'M SURE THEY'D DEVESTATE THE LAND HERE
THEY KEPT SAYING IT WAS FOR JAPAN'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.
WELL, THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE SOME KIND OF FOILING PINERY.
THIS ISLAND IS OUR HOME!
WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THEM SO... NO PROBLEM!
IT'S LIKE A FACTORY.
WHAT'S THAT?
THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE AN OIL REFINERY.
WONDER WHAT THEY PLANNED TO DO ANYWAY.
WE NEED TO ASK HIM AND THE OTHER CATS WHAT THEY THINK.
THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT AFFECTS THE WHOLE ISLAND.
WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'D HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?
LOOKS LIKE KUROBOSHI LEFT WHILE WE WERE TALKING.

THEY THINK THEY CAN SCARE US.
THEY THINK THEY CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT.
GRANDMA, PLEASE DON'T CRY.
WELL... IT MIGHT BE NICE TO LIVE IN A TOWN WITH A SCHOOL.
BUT MAYBE I'M BEING SELFISH. I'M SURE YOU KIDS HAVE THOUGHT YOU'VE WANTED TO LIVE OUT IN THE CITY BEFORE.
STILL, I WORRY HOW HARD IT WILL BE HERE, AINO...
WE DON'T WANT TO LEAVE, GRANDMA. THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN ALL OF JAPAN! AND THIS IS WHERE WE WERE BORN.
FOR YOU TO FIND A HUSSAND.
OUR FAMILY'S LIVED HERE GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, RIGHT?

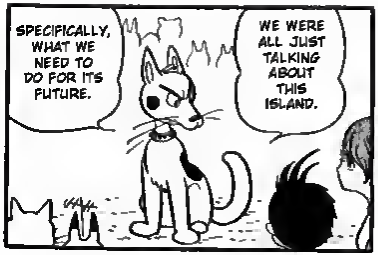

LOOKS LIKE ALL THE ANIMALS ARE ALREADY DISCUSSING SOMETHING.
YEAH, THERE'S KUROBOSHI SOME WEIRD MONKEYS TOO.

LET'S EAT THESE PEARS SO WE CAN GO TALK WITH KURO-BOSHI.

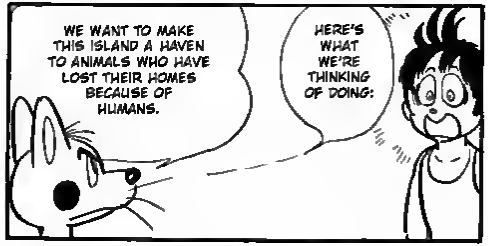

NOT LIKE YOU HUMANS HAVE ANYTHING GOOD TO SAY THOUGH.
SURE, COME HERE.

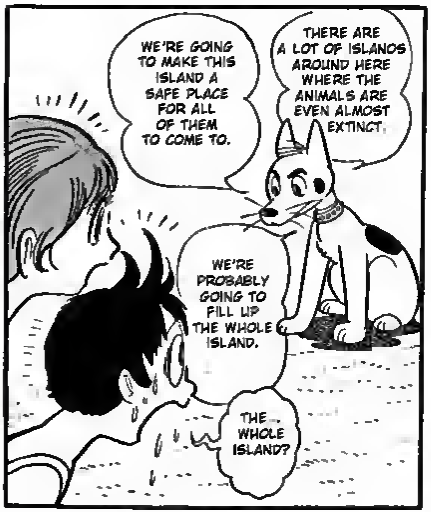
HEY. MIND IF WE JOIN IN?

THAT'S FUNNY. WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE SAME THING.


SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR IT'S FUTURE.
WE WERE ALL JUST TALKING ABOUT THIS ISLAND.

YOU'RE... WHAT?


WE WANT TO MAKE THIS ISLAND A HAVEN TO ANIMALS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF HUMANS.
HERE'S WHAT WE'RE THINKING OF DOING:


WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS ISLAND A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL OF THEM TO COME TO.
THERE ARE A LOT OF ISLANDS AROUND HERE WHERE THE ANIMALS ARE EVEN ALMOST EXTINCT.
WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO FILL UP THE WHOLE ISLAND.
THE... WHOLE ISLAND?

WE WANT TO BRING THEM HERE.
A LOT OF ANIMALS NEED OUR HELP.

KUROBOSHI'S THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA.

THE ONLY REASON THEY'RE STRAY IS BECAUSE OF HUMANS, YOU KNOW!

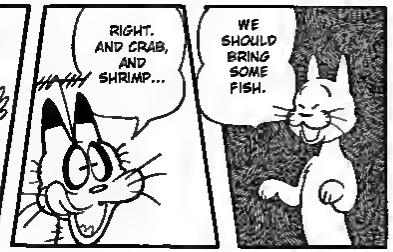
THAT YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS STRAY CAT ISLAND?
THE ISLAND IS GOING TO MOST LIKELY LOOK A LOT DIFFERENT THAN IT DID BEFORE, BUT WE HOPE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
STRAY CAT ISLAND, HUH.

NORAKURO MAY NOT BE THE BEST WITH WORDS... BUT HE IS RIGHT. MOST HUMANS CAN ONLY THINK OF THEMSELVES.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE JUST CATS. WE CAN BRING BIRDS AND MICE AND FROGS AND BUGS...

HUMANS ARE ANIMALS TOO, YOU KNOW.
YOU HOPE THEY'D UNDERSTAND, BUT...

ANYTHING BUT SEAFOOD. PLEASE
WAIT

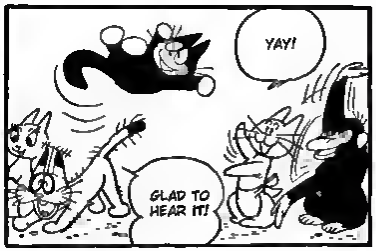

RIGHT. AND CRAB, AND SHRIMP...
WE SHOULD BRING SOME FISH.

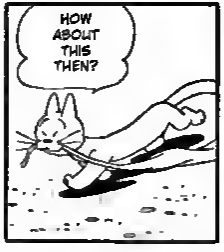
YOU ALREADY KNEW...
WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO SPARE. GIVE THE HUMANS ENOUGH TIME AND THEY'RE GOING TO START PUTTING THOSE FACTORY PLANS INTO ACTION.

WELL, IF THERE'S A PLAN TO PROTECT THE ISLAND, WE'RE IN.

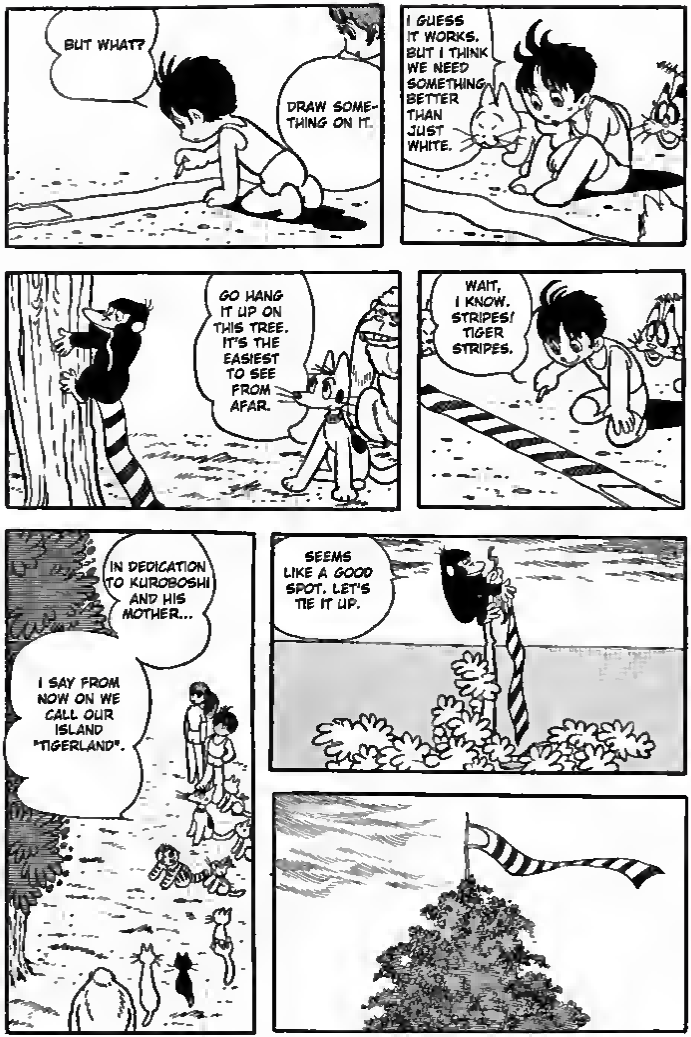
THAT'S WHY WE DECIDED TO HAVE THIS MEETING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WE DID.

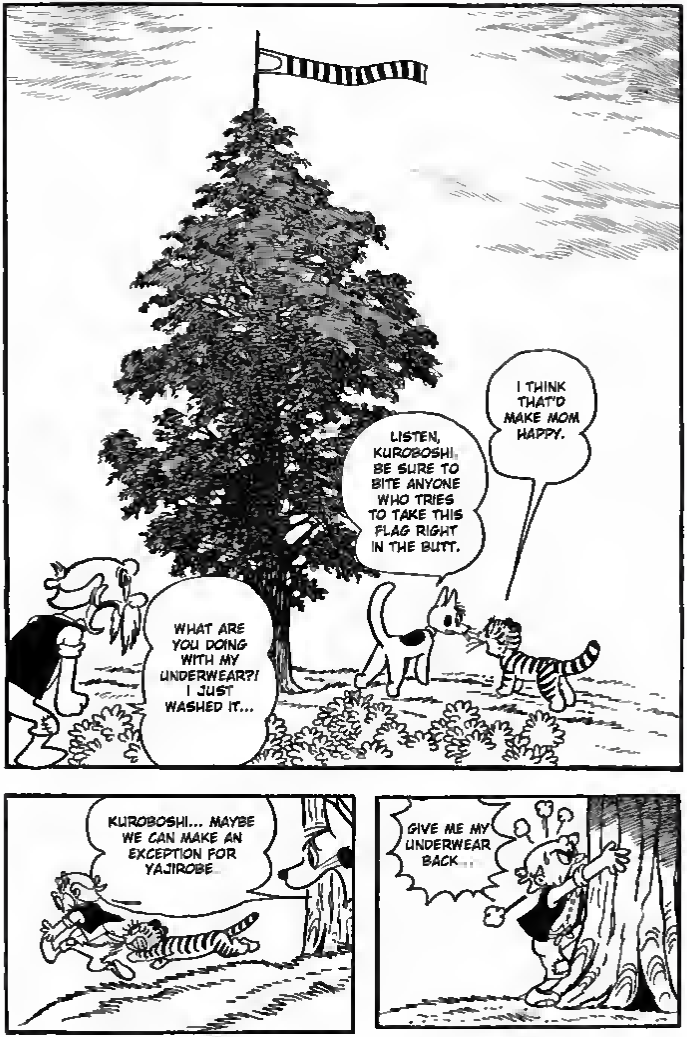
FIRST, WE NEED A FLAG.


YAY!
GLAD TO HEAR IT!


HOW ABOUT THIS THEN?

IT'LL HELP GUIDE ALL THE ANIMALS TO THE ISLAND!
WHY?


BUT WHAT?
DRAW SOMETHING ON IT.
I GUESS IT WORKS. BUT I THINK WE NEED SOMETHING BETTER THAN JUST WHITE.
GO HANG IT UP ON THIS TREE. IT'S THE EASIEST TO SEE FROM AFAR.
WAIT, I KNOW. STRIPES! TIGER STRIPES.
IN DEDICATION TO KUROBOSHI AND HIS MOTHER...
I SAY FROM NOW ON WE CALL OUR ISLAND "TIGERLAND".
SEEMS LIKE A GOOD SPOT. LET'S TIE IT UP.

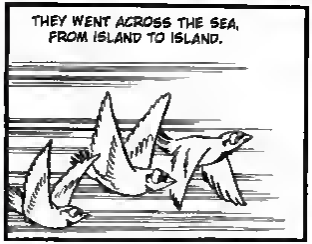

I THINK THAT'D MAKE MOM HAPPY.
LISTEN, KUROBOSHI. BE SURE TO BITE ANYONE WHO TRIES TO TAKE THIS FLAG RIGHT IN THE BUTT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY UNDERWEAR?! I JUST WASHED IT...
KUROBOSHI... MAYBE WE CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YAJIROBE...
GIVE ME MY UNDERWEAR BACK...

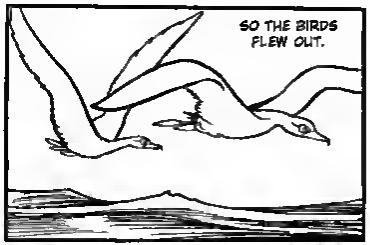
DON'T FORGET TO MENTION THAT THE AIR'S REALLY CLEAN, AND THE FORESTS ARE NICE TOO

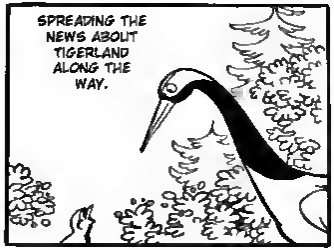
WE NEED YOU TO GO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THIS ISLAND.

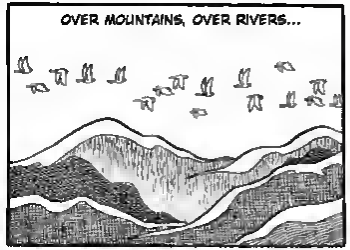
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU...

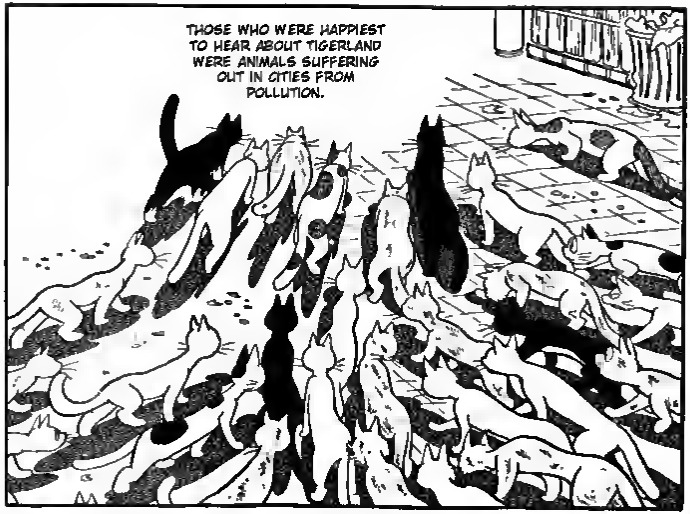
GOOD LUCK!

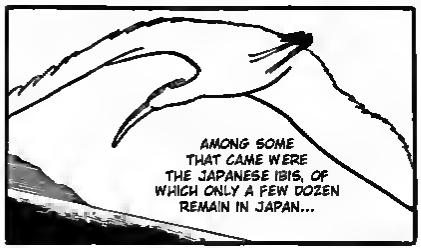

THEY WENT ACROSS THE SEA, FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND.

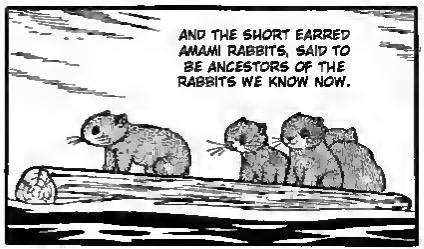

SO THE BIRDS FLEW OUT.


SPREADING THE NEWS ABOUT TIGERLAND ALONG THE WAY.

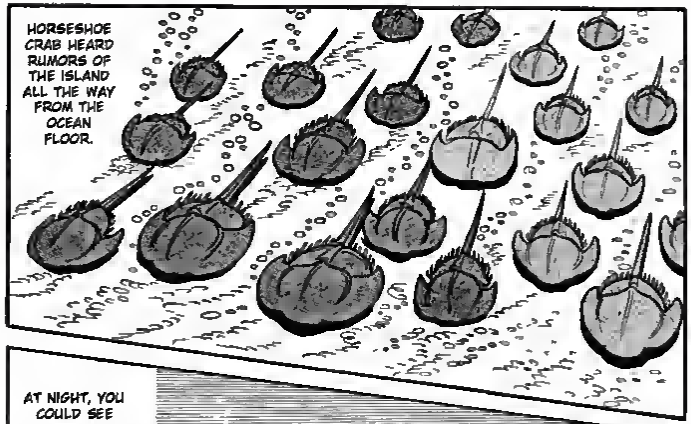

OVER MOUNTAINS, OVER RIVERS...

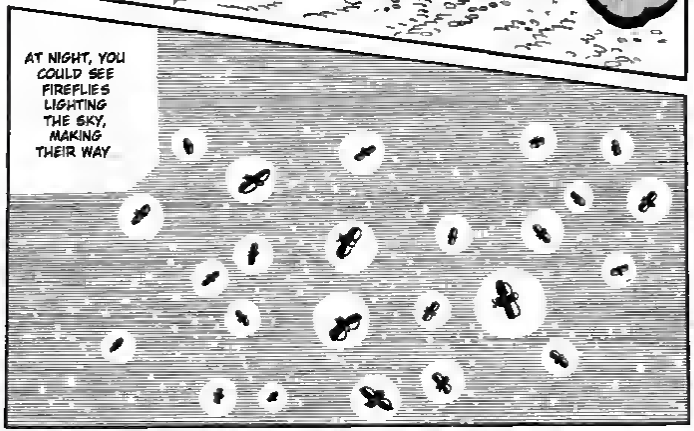

THOSE WHO WERE HAPPIEST TO HEAR ABOUT TIGERLAND WERE ANIMALS SUFFERING OUT IN CITIES FROM POLLUTION.

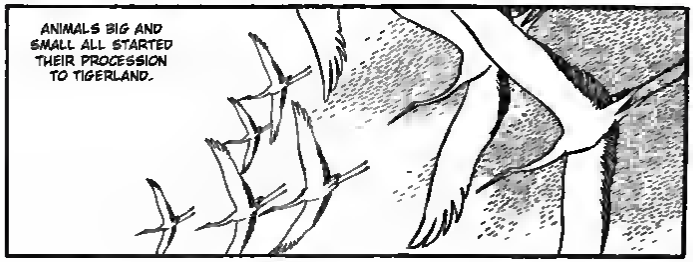

AMONG SOME THAT CAME WERE THE JAPANESE IBIS, OF WHICH ONLY A FEW DOZEN REMAIN IN JAPAN...

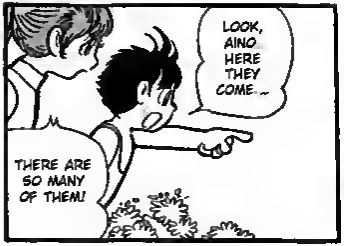

AND THE SHORT EARRED AMAMI RABBITS, SAID TO BE ANCESTORS OF THE RABBITS WE KNOW NOW.

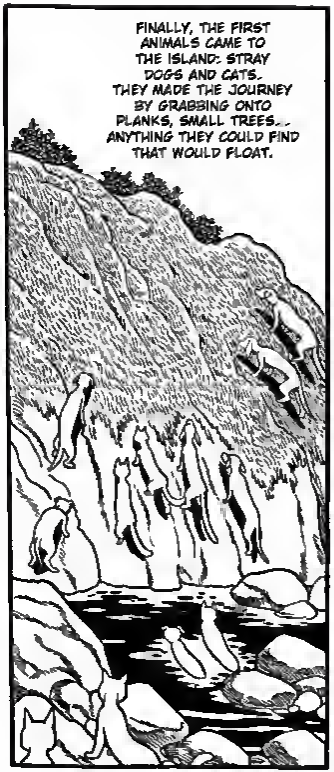
ANIMALS ALMOST FACING EXTINCTION WERE HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT TIGERLAND AS WELL.

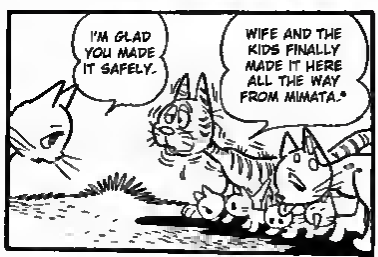









FINALLY, THE FIRST ANIMALS CAME TO THE ISLAND: STRAY DOGS AND CATS. THEY MADE THE JOURNEY BY GRABBING ONTO PLANKS, SMALL TREES... ANYTHING THEY COULD FIND THAT WOULD FLOAT.



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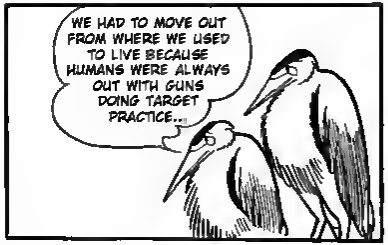
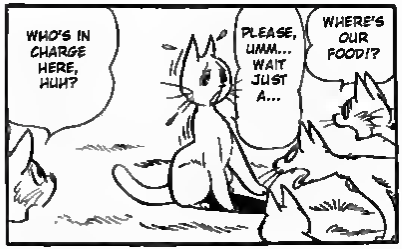
BUT THIS ISLAND SURE IS SMALL... THERE GOING TO BE ENOUGH FOOD?

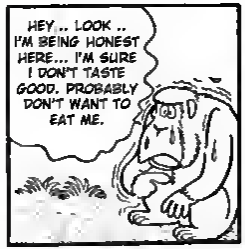

WE HAD TO MOVE OUT FROM WHERE WE USED TO LIVE BECAUSE HUMANS WERE ALWAYS OUT WITH GUNS DOING TARGET PRACTICE...


WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE, HUH?
PLEASE, UMM... WAIT JUST A...
WHERE'S OUR FOOD!?

YEAH. WE NEED TO EAT. DON'T KNOW WHEN THE LAST MEAL WE HAD WAS

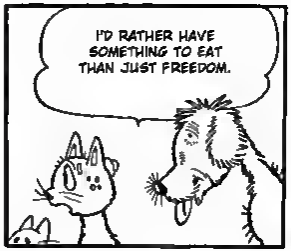
NOW BE QUIET AND LISTEN!

CALM DOWN. I'M NOT GOING TO EAT YOU.
WE'RE GOING TO BE IT'S FOOD BEFORE WE GET OUR FOOD!
T-TIGER?! NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A TIGER!
IF I WAS I ALREADY WOULD'VE SWALLOWED YOU UP BY NOW.


HEY.. LOOK .. I'M BEING HONEST HERE... I'M SURE I DON'T TASTE GOOD. PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO EAT ME.

THIS ISLAND YOU'RE ON NOW..
HAS NO BAD PEOPLE, OR SICK-NESSES...!

STOP BEING SO SCARED!
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT GOING TO EAT YOU.


I'D RATHER HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT THAN JUST FREEDOM.

YOU'RE FREE HERE.
SO STOP PANICKING. OK?
WELL, FREEDOM IS OK, BUT...

NO... FOOD?

THERE IS NO FOOD.

WHERE IS OUR FOOD?!

WOULD EVERY-ONE BE QUIET FOR JUST A SEC-OND?!

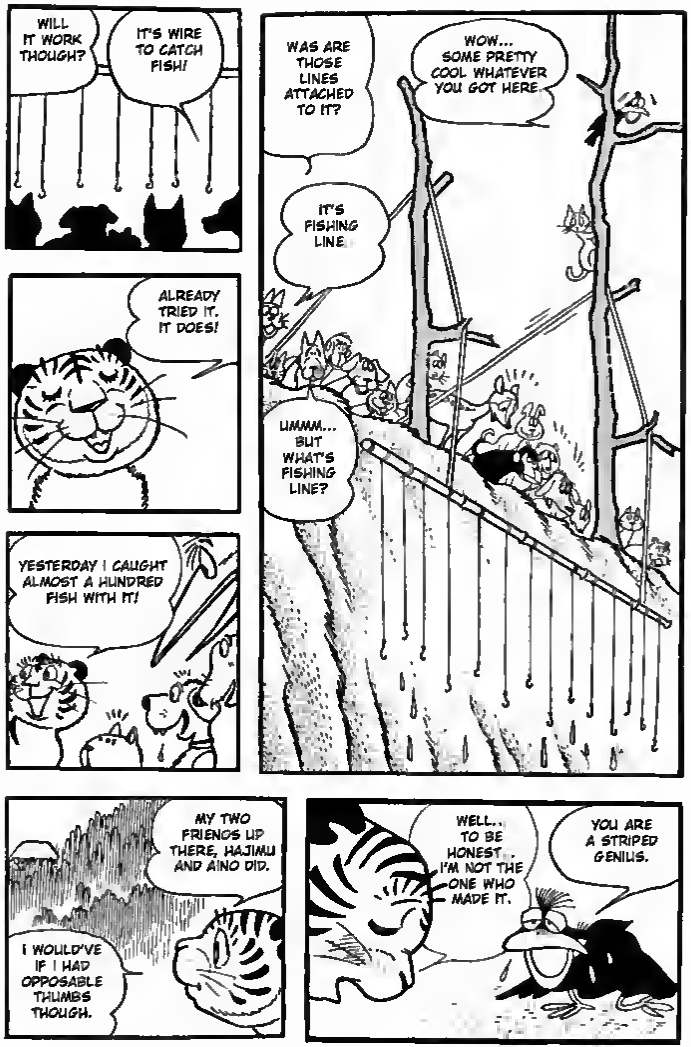
THEN WHY DID YOU TELL US TO COME HERE?!

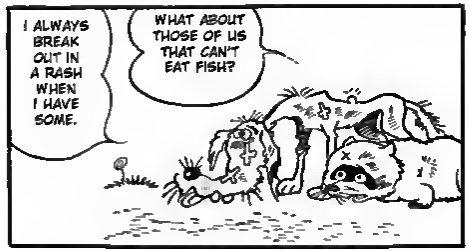
THE ISLAND'S SMALL, AND-
ARE YOU.. TELLING THE TRUTH?

WHAT WERE ALL OF YOU THINKING? WE'D HAVE FOOD LAID OUT FOR YOU WHEN YOU GOT HERE? IS THAT WHAT YOU HEARD? WHO TOLD YOU?
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!
UWAH!! THE TIGER'S ROARING AT US!
HE'S GOING TO EAT US!
UNDERSTAND?
IF YOU DON'T WORK, YOU LEAVE!
IF YOU WANT FOOD, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR IT.
THIS ISN'T A RESORT.
ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T WANT TO WORK CAN TURN BACK NOW.
HE'S MATURED A LOT.
GOOD JOB, KURO-BOSHI.
HOW HE'S GOING TO GET ALL THESE ANIMALS TO WORK TOGETHER.
I WANT TO SEE WHAT HE DOES NEXT.
YOU BEING STRICT ON HIM PAID OFF.
HE USED TO BE SO SPOILED WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER.

NAME'S GEISUKE. PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, RIGHT?
TRAVELING CROW HERE, AT YOUR SERVICE.
MIND IF I TAKE THE FLOOR?
HEY, TIGER PAL.
COME THIS WAY.
WANNA EXPLAIN JUST WHAT YOU MEAN?
NOW, YOU'RE TELLING US TO COOPERATE AND GATHER FOOD.
YOU BIRDS NEED TO PICK AS MANY BUGS AS YOU CAN FROM THE GRASS.
SEE THIS OPEN FIELD HERE? THIS FIELD HAS BUGS IN IT EVERWHERE.
STOP TALKING FOR A SECOND. I'M NOT DONE EXPLAINING! YOU NEED TO TAKE ALL THOSE BUGS AND GO THROW THEM IN THE OCEAN.
YOU KNOW, THE CATS AND DOGS AND SO ON?
RIGHT, I LIKE BUGS, I GUESS, BUT WHAT ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE?

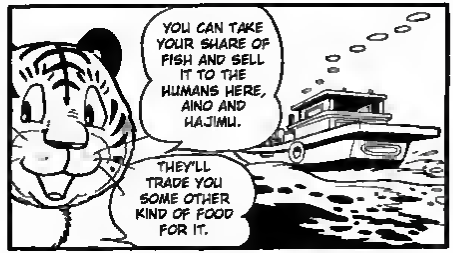
EXACTLY!
THAT'S NOT VERY FUN. THEN THEY'RE JUST GOING TO BE FISHFOOD.
AND GO TOSS THEM IN THE OCEAN?
SO YOU WANT US BIRDS TO GET ALL THE BUGS HERE...
HOW CAN WE DO THAT?
IF WE THROW A LOT OF BUGS OF THIS CLIFF, FISH WILL START TO GATHER. THEN WE JUST HAVE TO GET THEM UP OUT OF THE OCEAN!
BY EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER TO USE THIS THING.

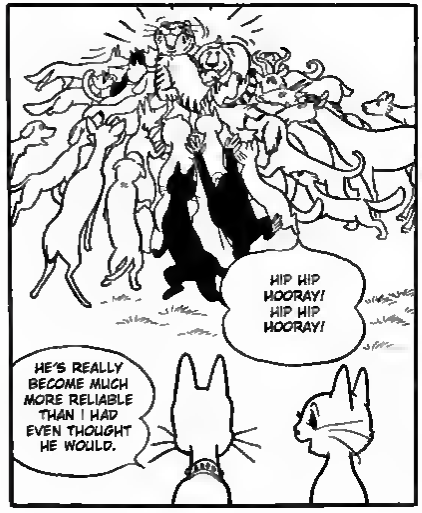

WILL IT WORK THOUGH?
IT'S WIRE TO CATCH FISH!
ALREADY TRIED IT. IT DOES!
YESTERDAY I CAUGHT ALMOST A HUNDRED FISH WITH IT!
WAS ARE THOSE LINES ATTACHED TO IT?
WOW... SOME PRETTY COOL WHATEVER YOU GOT HERE.
IT'S FISHING LINE.
UMMM... BUT WHAT'S FISHING LINE?
MY TWO FRIENDS UP THERE, HAJIMU AND AINO DID.
I WOULD'VE IF I HAD OPPOSABLE THUMBS THOUGH.
WELL... TO BE HONEST. I'M NOT THE ONE WHO MADE IT.
YOU ARE A STRIPED GENIUS.

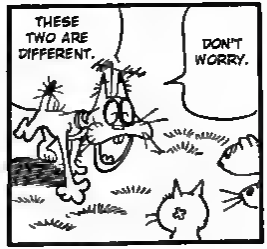

I ALWAYS BREAK OUT IN A RASH WHEN I HAVE SOME.
WHAT ABOUT THOSE OF US THAT CAN'T EAT FISH?

THAT'S FINE, JUST FINE. I LIKE AN HONEST JUNGLE BEAST!

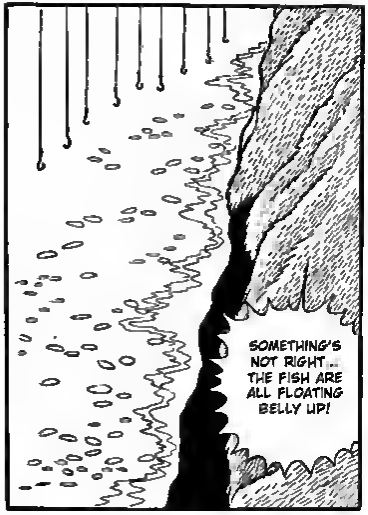
YOU WANT US TO WORK WITH HUMANS?


YOU CAN TAKE YOUR SHARE OF FISH AND SELL IT TO THE HUMANS HERE, AINO AND HAJIMU.
THEY'LL TRADE YOU SOME OTHER KIND OF FOOD FOR IT.


HIP HIP HOORAY! HIP HIP HOORAY!
HE'S REALLY BECOME MUCH MORE RELIABLE THAN I HAD EVEN THOUGHT HE WOULD.


THESE TWO ARE DIFFERENT.
DON'T WORRY.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE TIGER!

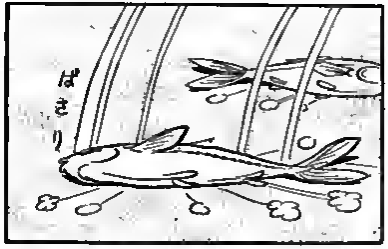

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT... THE FISH ARE ALL FLOATING BELLY UP!

IT'S ALMOST DAWN! LET'S START TO WORK, EVERYONE!

ALL RIGHT, LET HER DOWN!

THOSE HUMANS... THEY JUST COULDN'T REST UNTIL THEY'D POISONED EVERYWHERE!
KUROBOSHI! THE OCEAN! IT'S TERRIBLE!

OH... ALL THOSE FISH... AND NOT A SINGLE ONE TO EAT.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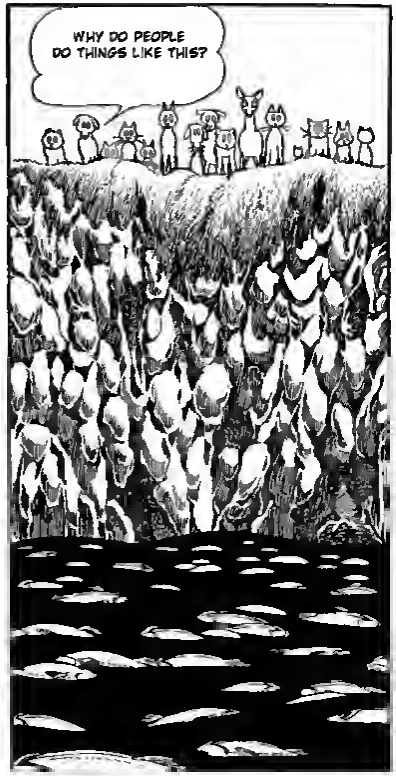
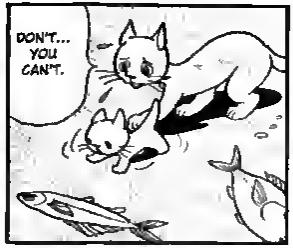

WHY DO PEOPLE DO THINGS LIKE THIS?

ALL OUR FISH.. BOO HOO...
LET'S GO CHECK THE SHORE.


DON'T... YOU CAN'T.

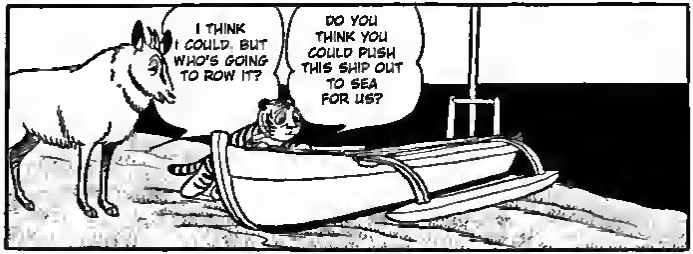
THIS IS AWFUL.

WELL. THAT PLAN SURE DIED QUICK! NOW WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

THEY'RE SAYING THAT ONE OF THE HUMAN FACTORIES FROM FAR AWAY STARTED SPILLING POISON IN THE WATER.

MAYBE. BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET TO ANOTHER PART OF THE SEA?

THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER PLACES OUT ON THE SEA THAT ARE STILL SAFE.
THE POISON SEEMS TO ONLY BE COMING THIS WAY.


I THINK I COULD. BUT WHO'S GOING TO ROW IT?
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD PUSH THIS SHIP OUT TO SEA FOR US?

IF WE USE THIS BOAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO OUT TO ANOTHER OCEAN AND FIND SOME FISH..

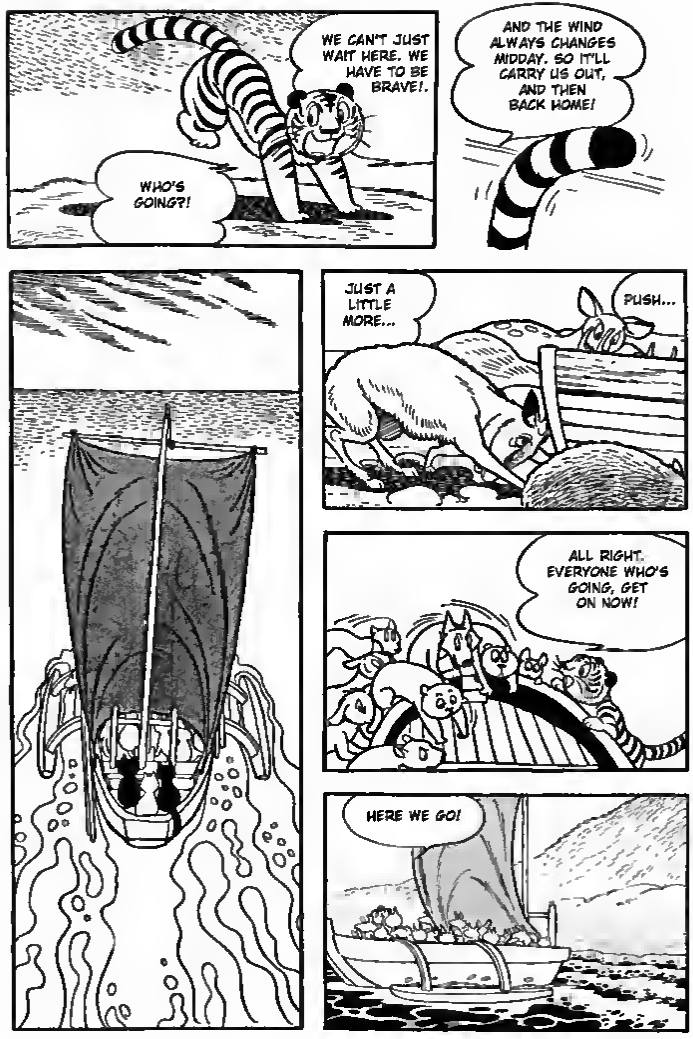
IT'S CALLED A SAIL. IT MOVES THE BOAT WITH JUST WIND!
WE DON'T NEED TO ROW. I'VE SEEN THE HUMANS USE IT BEFORE THEY HAVE THIS THING HERE...

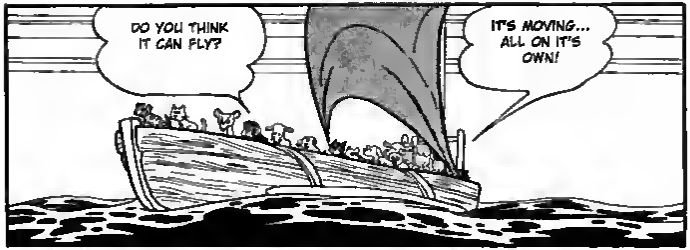
THESE HUMAN SHIPS GO PRETTY FAST! THE WIND'LL GET US THERE, YOU'LL SEE.

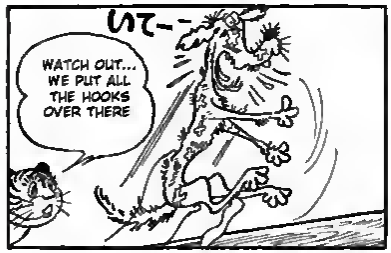
I DON'T KNOW .. ANOTHER OCEAN? ISN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO FAR?

WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW! IF WE DON'T GO WE'RE ALL JUST GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH!

HAJIMU... WHAT DID YOU JUST GET BACK FROM DOING?
HAJIMU!!
YOU... Y- Y-
I GAVE HIM A SAIL TOO. HE'LL BE OK.
WELL...
OH. KURO-BOSHI WAS SAYING HE NEEDED A SHIP, SO...
YOU LENT HIM ONE?!
COME BACK!
KURO-BOSHI... COME BACK!!
THERE'S A TYPHOON COMING...!
WHAT?
NO. YOU WOULD'VE SEEN A TYPHOON'S COMING IF YOU DID!
DID YOU EVEN CHECK THE WEATHER?
E-EGO?!
A TYPHOON, HAJIMU! A HUGE ONE! SO METERS ROUND!


WHO'S GOING?!
WE CAN'T JUST WAIT HERE. WE HAVE TO BE BRAVE!.
AND THE WIND ALWAYS CHANGES MIDDAY. SO I'LL CARRY US OUT, AND THEN BACK HOME!
JUST A LITTLE MORE...
PUSH...
ALL RIGHT. EVERYONE WHO'S GOING, GET ON NOW!
HERE WE GO!


DO YOU THINK IT CAN FLY?
IT'S MOVING... ALL ON IT'S OWN!


WATCH OUT... WE PUT ALL THE HOOKS OVER THERE
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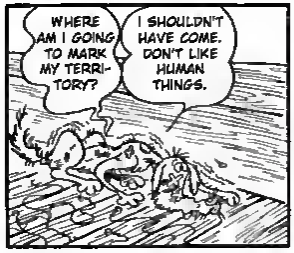
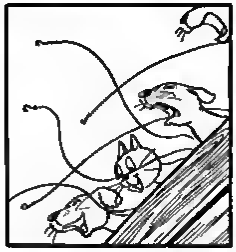
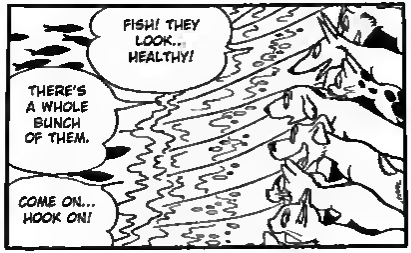
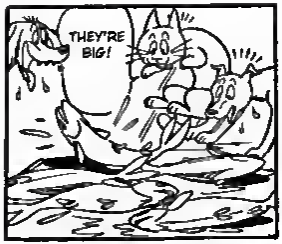

WHERE AM I GOING TO MARK MY TERRI-TORY?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME. DON'T LIKE HUMAN THINGS.

OWW...



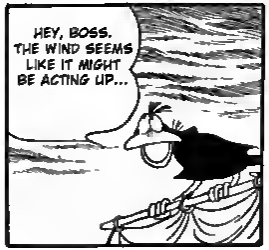
HERE... THINK WE'VE REACHED A GOOD SPOT EVERYBODY HELP ME GET THESE HOOKS OUT.

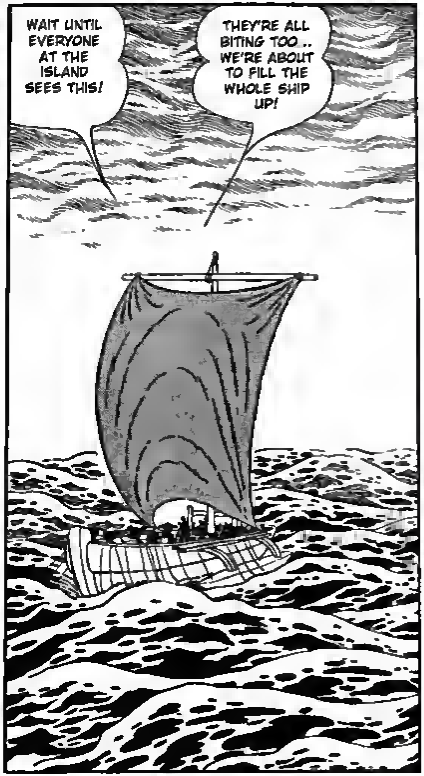

FISH! THEY LOOK... HEALTHY!
THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM.
COME ON... HOOK ON!


THEY'RE BIG!

LOOK! TOLD YOU WE'D FIND SOME.

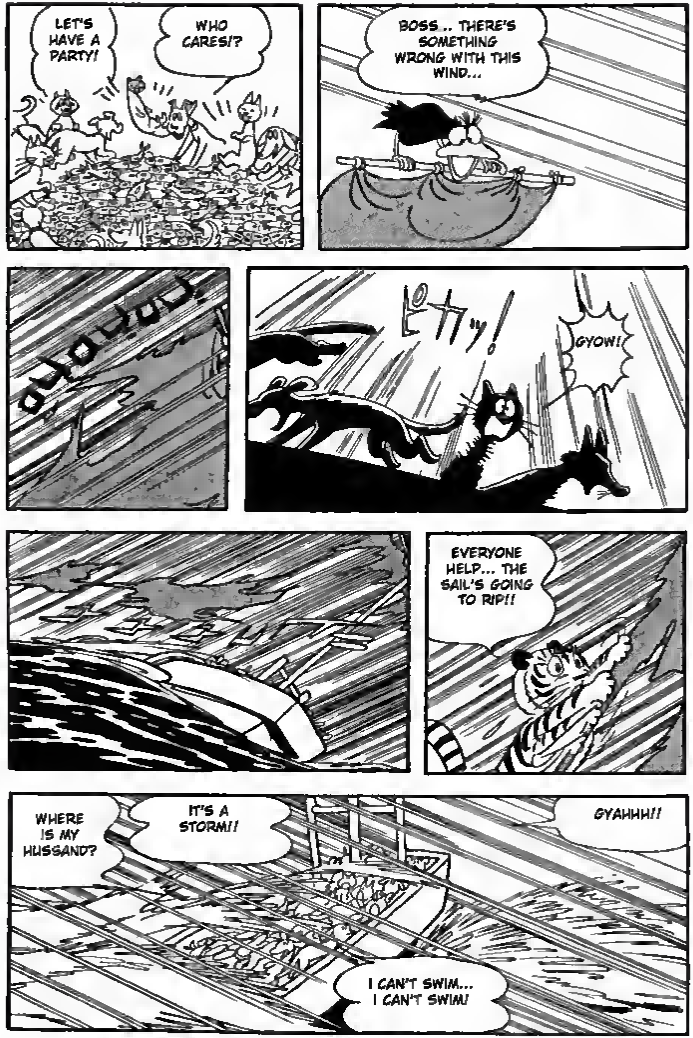
HEY!


HEY, BOSS. THE WIND SEEMS LIKE IT MIGHT BE ACTING UP...

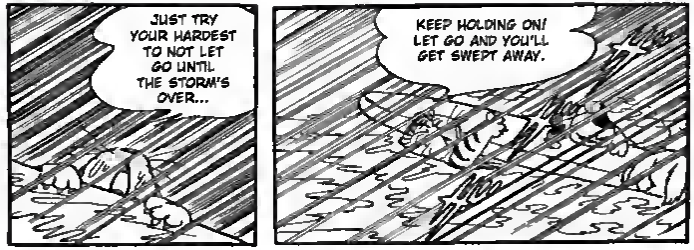

WAIT UNTIL EVERYONE AT THE ISLAND SEES THIS!
THEY'RE ALL BITING TOO .. WE'RE ABOUT TO FILL THE WHOLE SHIP UP!

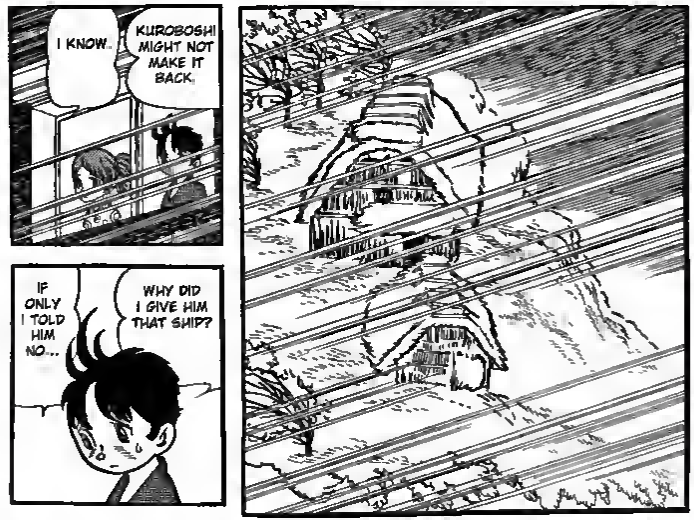
THAT'S STRANGE. IT SHOULD BE BLOWING US BACK TO THE ISLAND SOON...

LOOK AT ALL OF THEM... WE MIGHT HAVE ENOUGH FISH FOR A WHOLE YEAR!

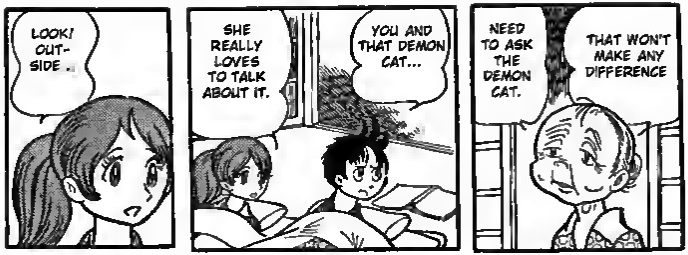

LET'S HAVE A PARTY!
WHO CARES!?
BOSS.. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS WIND...
GYOW!
EVERYONE HELP... THE SAIL'S GOING TO RIP!!
WHERE IS MY HUSBAND?
IT'S A STORM!!
GYAHHH!!
I CAN'T SWIM... I CAN'T SWIM!

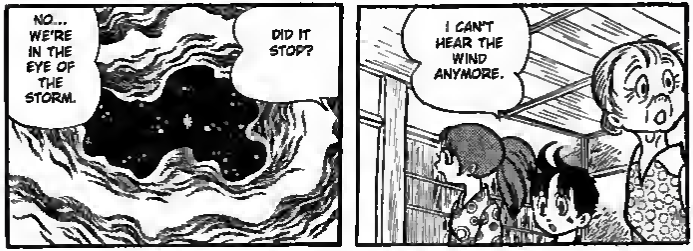
EVERYONE JUST TRY TO GRAB ONTO SOMETHING!!
UWAHHH!!
WE'RE GOING TO FLIP!!

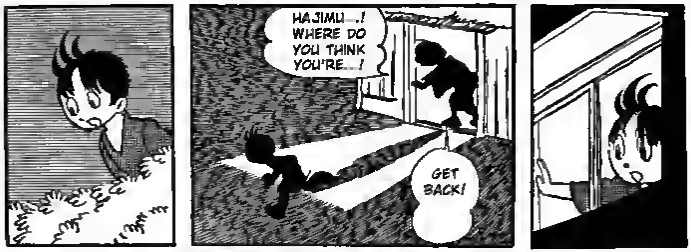

JUST TRY YOUR HARDEST TO NOT LET GO UNTIL THE STORM'S OVER...
KEEP HOLDING ON! LET GO AND YOU'LL GET SWEPT AWAY.

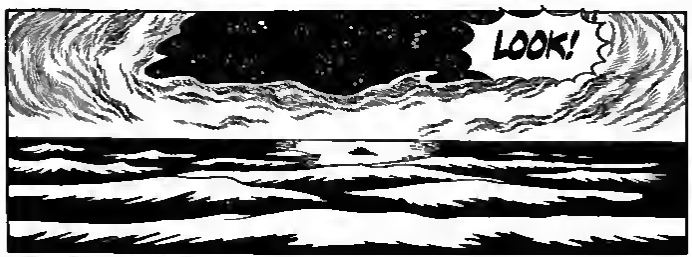

I KNOW.
KUROBOSHI MIGHT NOT MAKE IT BACK.
IF ONLY I TOLD HIM NO...
WHY DID I GIVE HIM THAT SHIP?

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
PLEASE... PLEASE HELP KUROBOSHI COME BACK SAFE.
TO KUROBOSHI'S MOTHER.
GET TO BED, YOU TWO. IT'S TIME TO GO TO SLEEP


LOOK! OUTSIDE...
SHE REALLY LOVES TO TALK ABOUT IT.
YOU AND THAT DEMON CAT...
NEED TO ASK THE DEMON CAT.
THAT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE


NO... WE'RE IN THE EYE OF THE STORM.
DID IT STOP?
I CAN'T HEAR THE WIND ANYMORE.


HAJIMU...! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE...!
GET BACK!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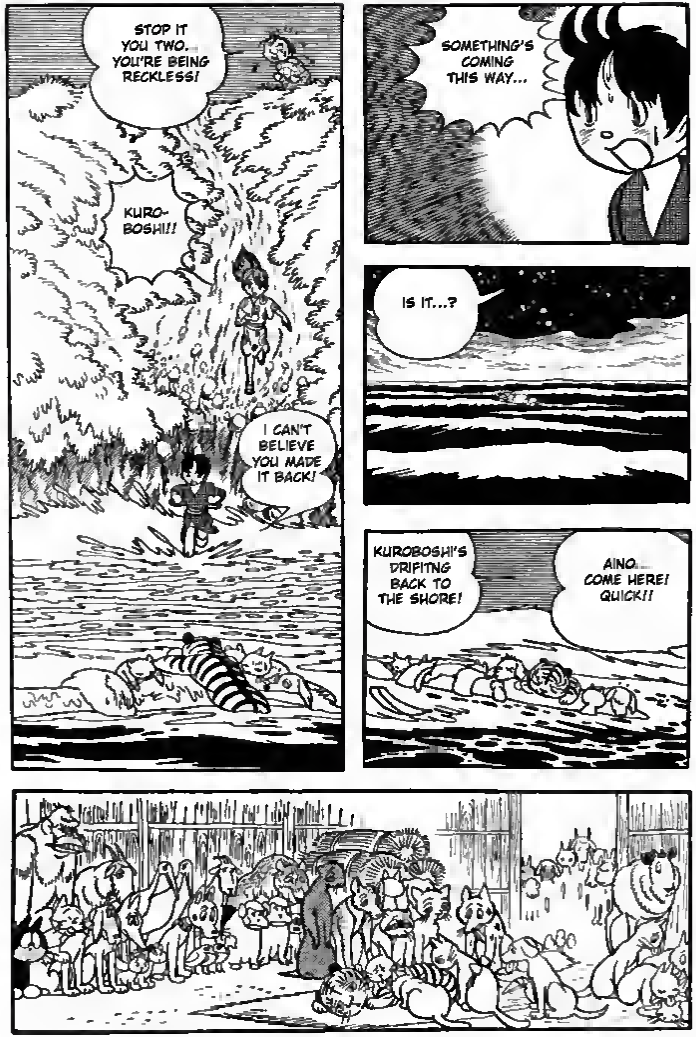
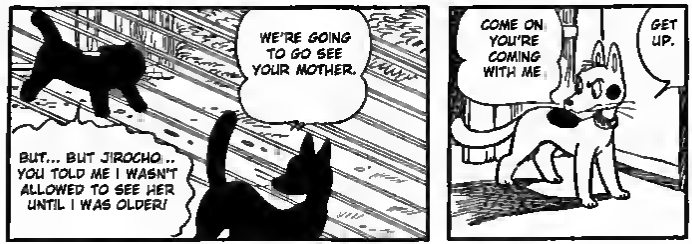
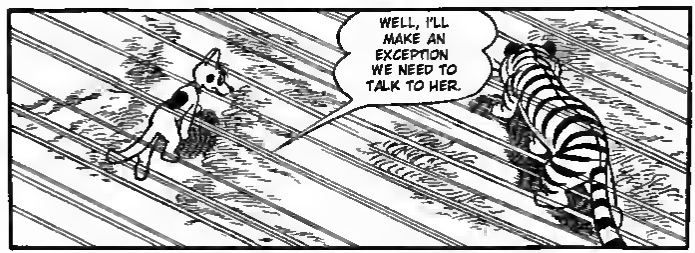

STOP IT YOU TWO... YOU'RE BEING RECKLESS!
KURO-BOSHI!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE IT BACK!
SOMETHING'S COMING THIS WAY...
IS IT...?
KUROBOSHI'S DRIFITNG BACK TO THE SHORE!
AINO... COME HERE! QUICK!!

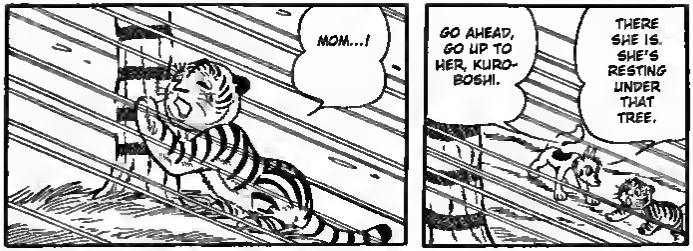
YOU NEVER SHOULD'VE WENT OUT THERE.
SERVES YOU RIGHT, I SAY.
ACTING LIKE YOU CAN USE A SHIP... LIKE SOME HUMAN!
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN IT.. THE SHIP COULDN'T CARRY ANY MORE FISH. IF ONLY THERE HADN'T BEEN THAT STORM..
NOW YOU GET IT?
NOW DO YOU SEE?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE
YOU SHOULD'VE REALIZED THIS ISLAND'S TOO SMALL FOR ALL THESE ANIMALS FROM THE BEGINNING!
YOU AND YOUR STUPID DREAM OF TIGERLAND
I SAY WE GO. YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SMACK YOU SACK TO REALITY. COME ON!
WHAT'S THAT? YOU WANT TO FIGHT?
STOP IT!
EVERYONE. GO BACK TO YOUR BEDS. THE WIND IS ABOUT TO BECOME STRONG AGAIN.
NORAKURO, ENOUGH.
WE NEED TO LET KURO-BOSHI AND THE OTHERS REST. YOU CAN TALK TO HIM MORE TOMORROW.

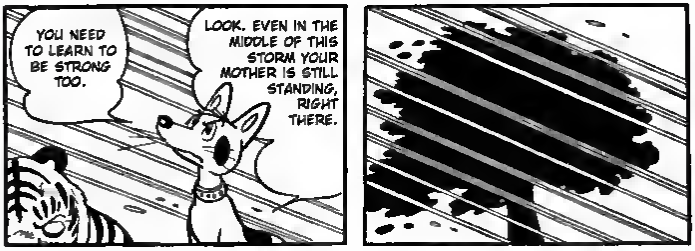
CHEER UP, KURO-BOSHI
MOM... I'M SORRY...

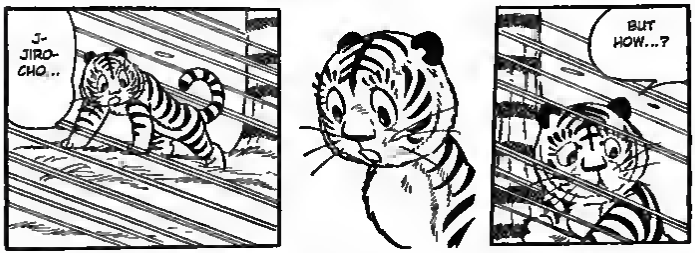
I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE RIGHT NOW.
LEAVE ME ALONE, OK?!
I KNOW YOU TRIED
LEAVE ME ALONE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT NORAKURO SAYS.

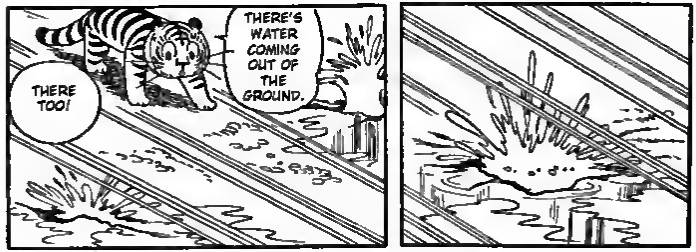

WE'RE GOING TO GO SEE YOUR MOTHER.
BUT... BUT JIROCHO.. YOU TOLD ME I WASN'T ALLOWED TO SEE HER UNTIL I WAS OLDER!
COME ON YOU'RE COMING WITH ME
GET UP.


WELL, I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION WE NEED TO TALK TO HER.


MOM...!
GO AHEAD, GO UP TO HER, KURO-BOSHI.
THERE SHE IS. SHE'S RESTING UNDER THAT TREE.


YOU NEED TO LEARN TO BE STRONG TOO.
LOOK. EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS STORM YOUR MOTHER IS STILL STANDING, RIGHT THERE.


J-JIRO-CHO...
BUT HOW...?

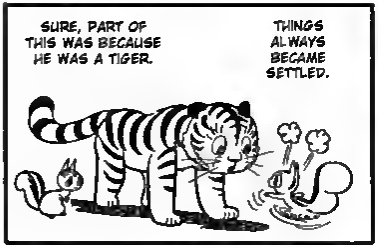

THERE TOO!
THERE'S WATER COMING OUT OF THE GROUND.

THAT MEANS THAT UNDER THESE CRACKS...
THE WATER TASTES SALTY. IT'S FROM THE SEA.
THERE ARE CRACKS EVERY-WHERE ALL OVER THE GROUND.. MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE STORM?
WAIT!
I THINK SOMETHING'S DOWN THERE.
I'M GOING TO GO DOWN AND CHECK THINGS OUT.
WITH THAT SEAWATER SPOUTING UP.. THERE MIGHT BE A CAVE DOWN HERE LEADING TO THE SEA.
BE CARE-FUL..
IT'S DANGER-OUS. WHAT IF YOU CAN'T GET BACK UP?
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! THIS CAVE CONNECTS TO THE OCEAN OUTSIDE.

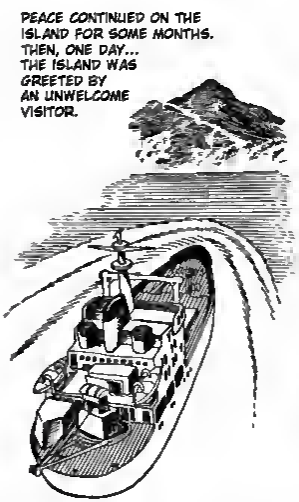
KUROBOSHI. DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
SOUNDS LIKE... FISH JUMPING IN THE WATER.
IT IS..! FISH! LOOK AT ALL OF THEM!
IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO GO SEE MOM. I THINK SHE WANTED TO TELL US ABOUT THIS PLACE.

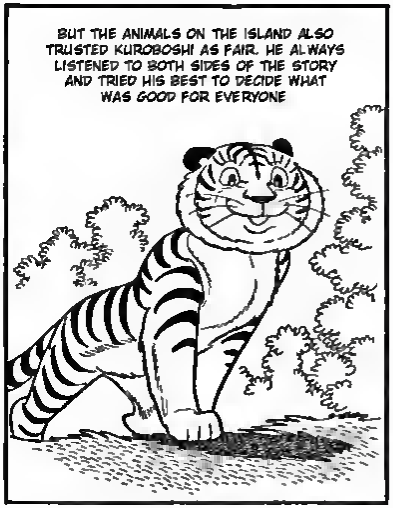
WAIT... LOOK. THE CEILING!
THIS IS AMA-ZING!
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY OF THEM?!
BUGS! THAT'S WHY ALL THE FISH ARE HERE! TO EAT THE BUGS FALLING FROM THESE ROOTS!
BUGS.
AND THEY'RE DROPPING SOMETHING. WHAT IS IT?
IT'S COVERED IN TREE ROOTS.
YOU SHOW ME FOOD AND I'LL STICK MY ENTIRE BEAK IN THE GROUND.
THIS MUCH! THERE'S THIS MUCH DOWN THERE!
YOU TWO. WE MAY HAVE JUST FOUND ENOUGH FOOD TO SAVE THE ISLAND.
THAT WAS FAST.
YIP !!
HERE.

I'LL DO IT. HOLD YOUR HORSES.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT...
WE NEED TO HURRY AND TELL EVERYONE ELSE OF THE ISLAND!
FISH COULD BE TAKEN FROM THE UNDERWATER CAVE IN ENDLESS SUPPLY.
THE STORM CLEARED TO THE START OF A WARM AUTUMN. IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE ANIMAL'S PEACEFUL LIVES ON THE ISLAND.
THIS REALLY IS THANKS TO YOUR MOTHER. SHE WAS TRYING TO HELP US

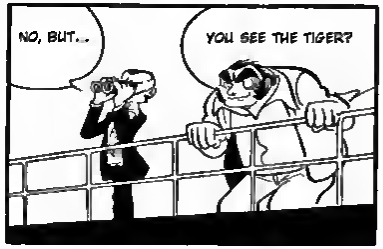

SURE, PART OF THIS WAS BECAUSE HE WAS A TIGER.
THINGS ALWAYS BECAME SETTLED.

BUT ONCE KUROBOSHI CAME ALONG...


PEACE CONTINUED ON THE ISLAND FOR SOME MONTHS. THEN, ONE DAY... THE ISLAND WAS GREETED BY AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.


BUT THE ANIMALS ON THE ISLAND ALSO TRUSTED KUROBOSHI AS FAIR. HE ALWAYS LISTENED TO BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY AND TRIED HIS BEST TO DECIDE WHAT WAS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

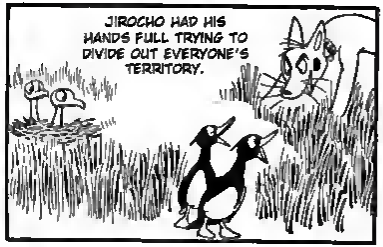
I DO SEE AN UNDER-WEAR FLAG

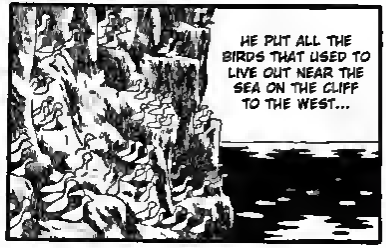

NO, BUT...
YOU SEE THE TIGER?

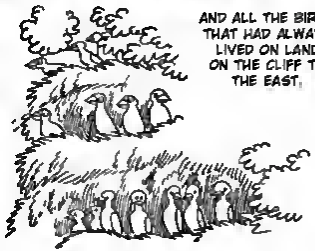
MORE ANIMALS THAN BEFORE BEGAN TO JOURNEY TOWARDS THE ISLAND.

HEARING RUMORS OF A PLACE WHERE THEY MIGHT ESCAPE FROM THEIR TROUBLES...

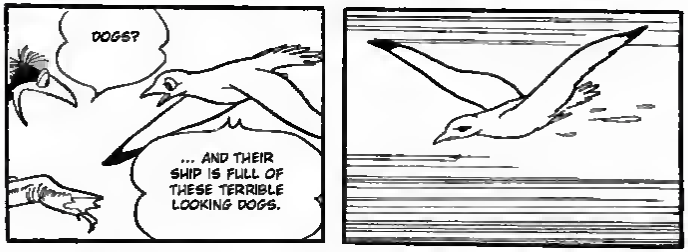
AS THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS INCREASED, SO DID QUARRELS BETWEEN THE ANIMALS.

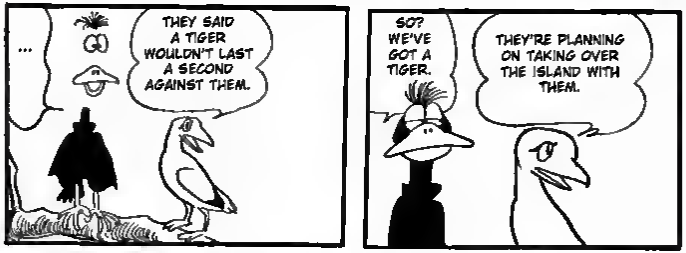

JIROCHO HAD HIS HANDS FULL TRYING TO DIVIDE OUT EVERYONE'S TERRITORY.


HE PUT ALL THE BIRDS THAT USED TO LIVE OUT NEAR THE SEA ON THE CLIFF TO THE WEST...


AND ALL THE BIRDS THAT HAD ALWAYS LIVED ON LAND ON THE CLIFF TO THE EAST.

BUT IF DOGS COME IN AND FORCE THEM OFF... WELL, THEY CAN'T TRY DOGS.
IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE METHODS. IT'S ILLEGAL FOR YOU TO FORCE SOMEONE OFF AN ISLAND IF YOU'RE A HUMAN, YOU KNOW?
I'VE TRAINED THESE GUYS TO BE PRETTY VICIOUS.


DOGS?
... AND THEIR SHIP IS FULL OF THESE TERRIBLE LOOKING DOGS.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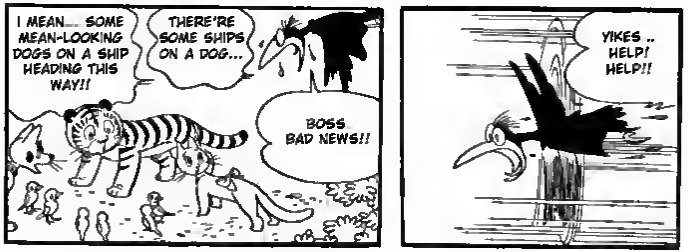
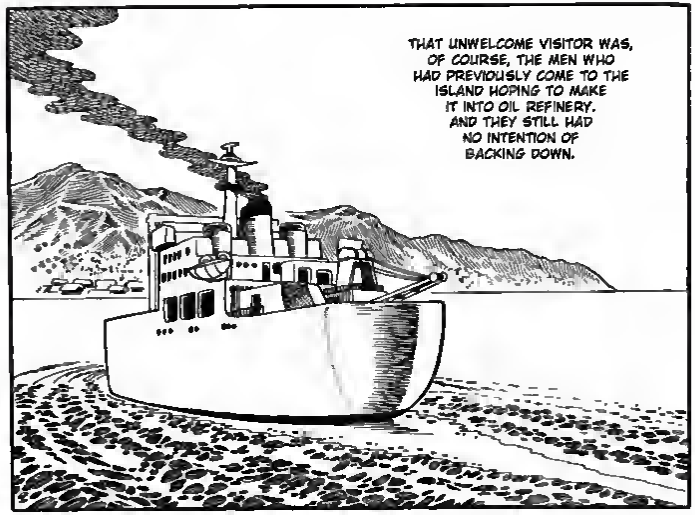
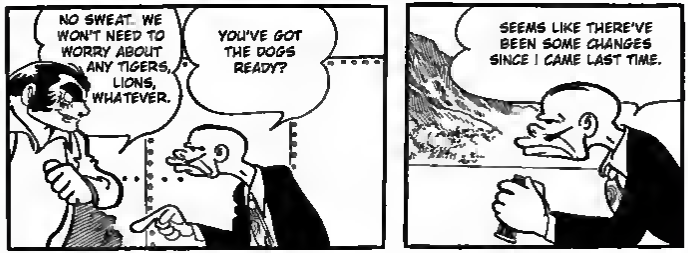
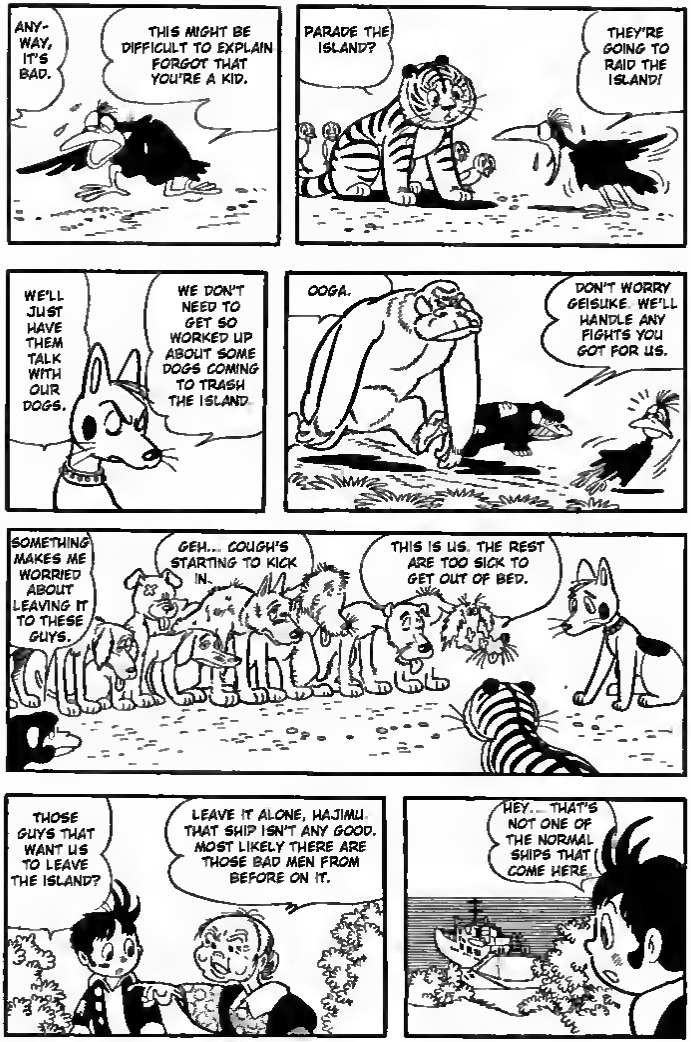
THEY SAID A TIGER WOULDN'T LAST A SECOND AGAINST THEM.
SO? WE'VE GOT A TIGER.
THEY'RE PLANNING ON TAKING OVER THE ISLAND WITH THEM.

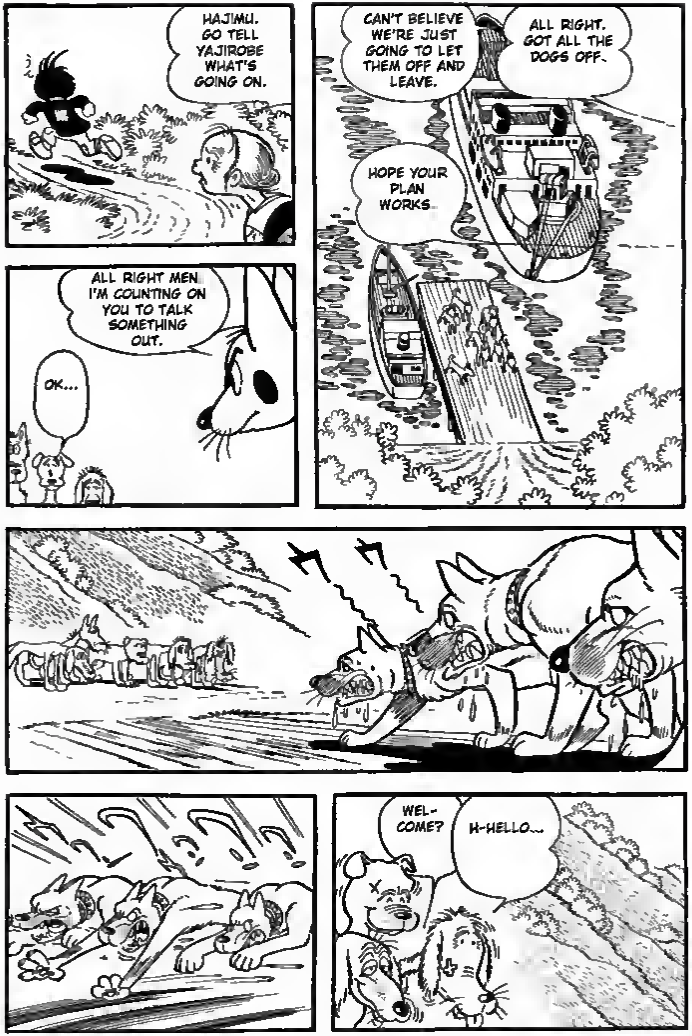

I MEAN.... SOME MEAN-LOOKING DOGS ON A SHIP HEADING THIS WAY!!
THERE'RE SOME SHIPS ON A DOG...
BOSS BAD NEWS!!
YIKES .. HELP! HELP!!


THAT UNWELCOME VISITOR WAS, OF COURSE, THE MEN WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY COME TO THE ISLAND HOPING TO MAKE IT INTO OIL REFINERY. AND THEY STILL HAD NO INTENTION OF BACKING DOWN.

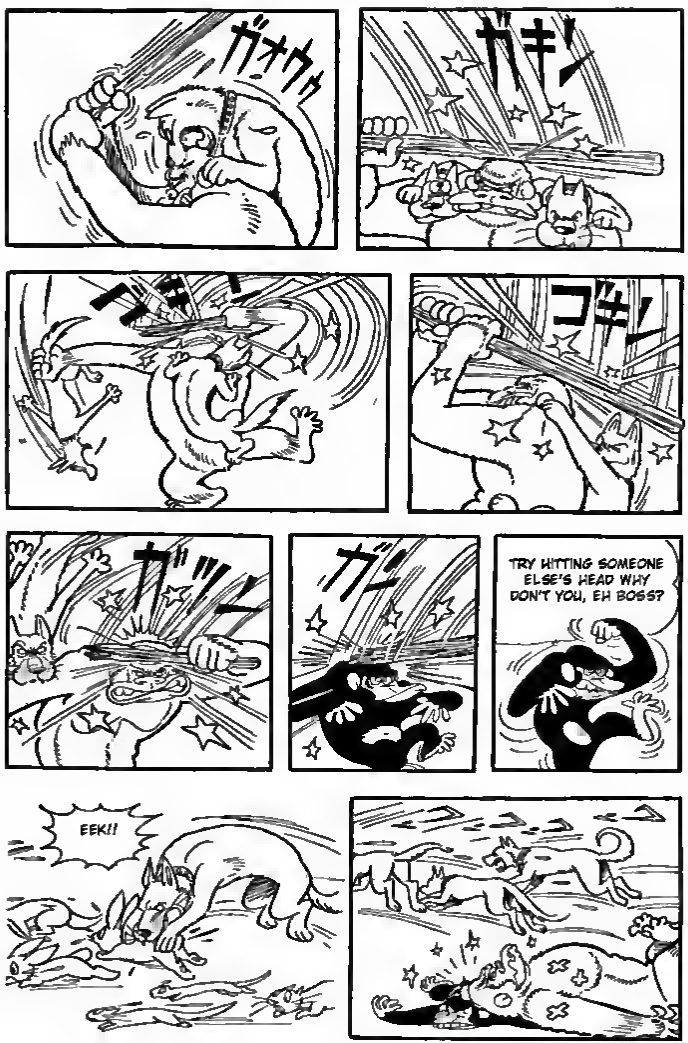
THAT'S STRANGE. DON'T REMEMBER THERE BEING SO MANY BIRDS ALL OVER THE CLIFF LIKE THAT...


NO SWEAT. WE WON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANY TIGERS, LIONS, WHATEVER.
YOU'VE GOT THE DOGS READY?
SEEMS LIKE THERE'VE BEEN SOME CHANGES SINCE I CAME LAST TIME.


ANY-WAY, IT'S BAD.
THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN FORGOT THAT YOU'RE A KID.
PARADE THE ISLAND?
THEY'RE GOING TO RAID THE ISLAND!
WE'LL JUST HAVE THEM TALK WITH OUR DOGS.
WE DON'T NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP ABOUT SOME DOGS COMING TO TRASH THE ISLAND.
OOGA.
DON'T WORRY GEISUKE. WE'LL HANDLE ANY FIGHTS YOU GOT FOR US.
SOMETHING MAKES ME WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING IT TO THESE GUYS.
GEH... COUGH'S STARTING TO KICK IN.
THIS IS US. THE REST ARE TOO SICK TO GET OUT OF BED.
THOSE GUYS THAT WANT US TO LEAVE THE ISLAND?
LEAVE IT ALONE, HAJIMU. THAT SHIP ISN'T ANY GOOD. MOST LIKELY THERE ARE THOSE BAD MEN FROM BEFORE ON IT.
HEY... THAT'S NOT ONE OF THE NORMAL SHIPS THAT COME HERE.


HAJIMU. GO TELL YAJIROBE WHAT'S GOING ON.
CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE JUST GOING TO LET THEM OFF AND LEAVE.
ALL RIGHT. GOT ALL THE DOGS OFF.
HOPE YOUR PLAN WORKS.
ALL RIGHT MEN. I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO TALK SOMETHING OUT.
OK...
WEL-COME?
H-HELLO...

THE PEACE TALKS MIGHT NOT HAVE WORKED AS PLANNED.
OOGA.
SURE, SURE, YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF THAT. WE'LL DO THE REST. THOUGHT IT MIGHT TURN OUT THIS WAY.
GET THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN SOME-WHERE SAFE.
HERE THEY COME, BOSS.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TRY HITTING SOMEONE ELSE'S HEAD WHY DON'T YOU, EH BOSS?
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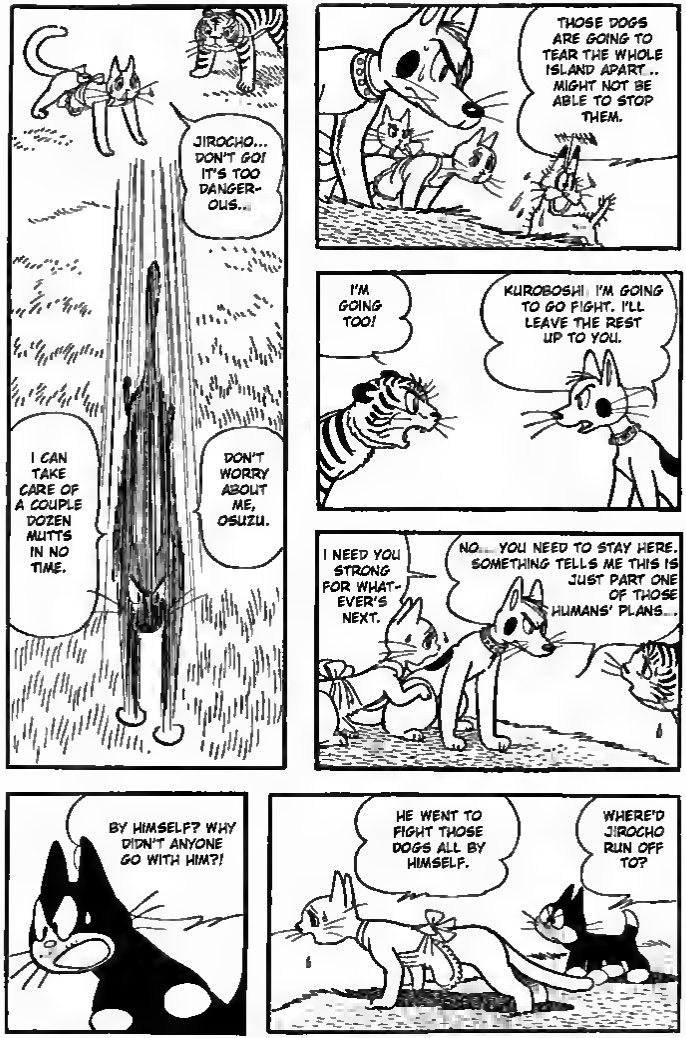
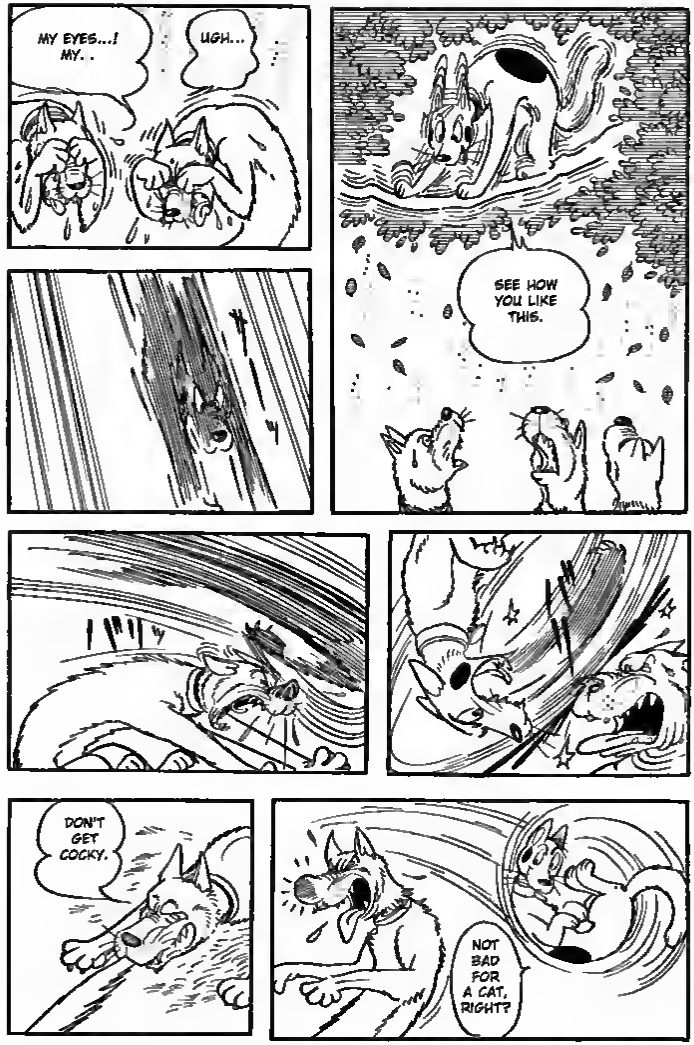
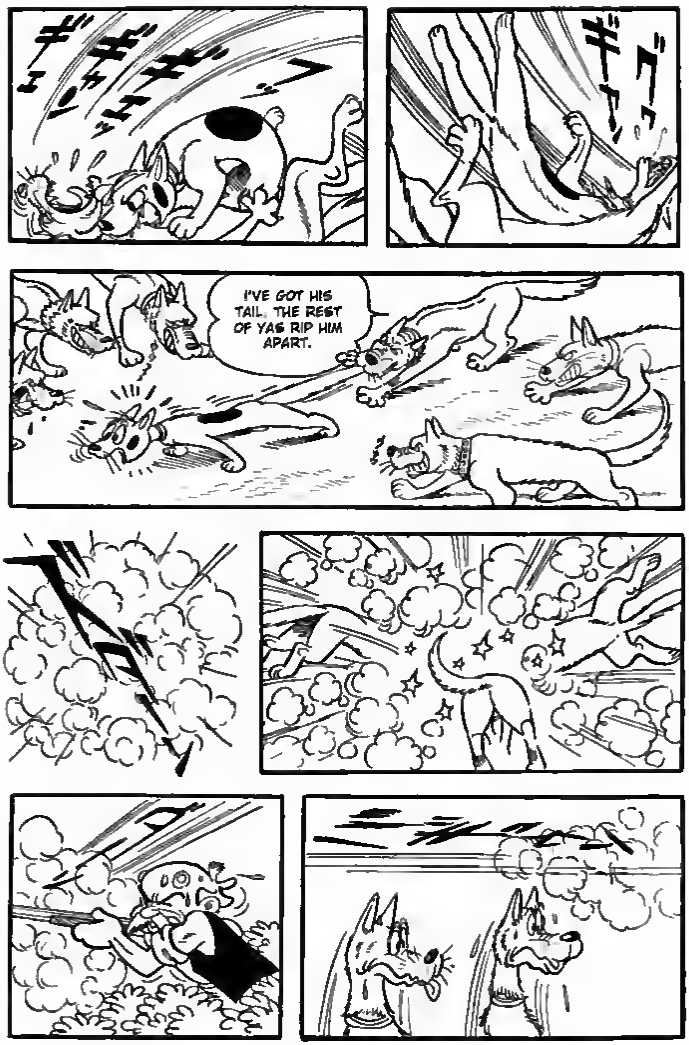

JIROCHO... DON'T GO! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS...
I CAN TAKE CARE OF A COUPLE DOZEN MUTTS IN NO TIME.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, OSUZU.
THOSE DOGS ARE GOING TO TEAR THE WHOLE ISLAND APART.. MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THEM.
I'M GOING TOO!
KUROBOSHI! I'M GOING TO GO FIGHT. I'LL LEAVE THE REST UP TO YOU.
I NEED YOU STRONG FOR WHAT-EVER'S NEXT.
NO... YOU NEED TO STAY HERE. SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS JUST PART ONE OF THOSE HUMANS' PLANS...
BY HIMSELF? WHY DIDN'T ANYONE GO WITH HIM?!
HE WENT TO FIGHT THOSE DOGS ALL BY HIMSELF.
WHERE'D JIROCHO RUN OFF TO?

THAT REALLY HURT MY PAWS...
THAT STUPID CAT.. NO ONE'S FIGHTING ANYONE WITHOUT ME!!
THAT'S JUST THE WAY JIROCHO WORKS. WE'D ONLY GET IN HIS WAY.
HA! WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE, SOME KIND OF CAT-DOG?
OK DOGS LISTEN UP. YOU WANT TO LIVE ON THIS ISLAND, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT AWAY THOSE FANGS AND CLAWS. THIS IS A PEACEFUL ISLAND, GOT IT?
YOU THINK I'M FUNNY? DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER SEEN SOME DOG DOLLED UP IN A RIBBON BEFORE.
WANT TO SEE IF MY BARK IS AS BAD AS MY BITE?
GOT A BIG MOUTH ON YA, CAT.


MY EYES...! MY. .
UGH...
SEE HOW YOU LIKE THIS.
DON'T GET COCKY.
NOT BAD FOR A CAT, RIGHT?


I'VE GOT HIS TAIL. THE REST OF YAS RIP HIM APART.

YOU LOUSY PACK OF MONGRELS...
JIROCHO.. LOOK WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO YOU..
I'M GOING TO FILL EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WITH BULLETS!
...ALREADY OUT?
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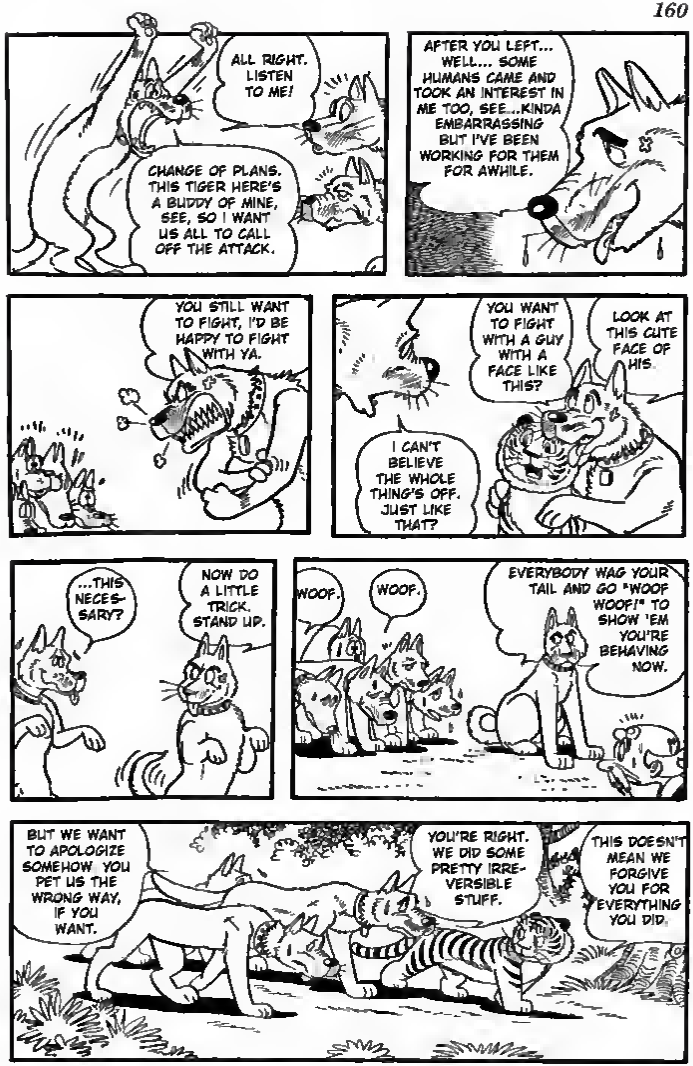
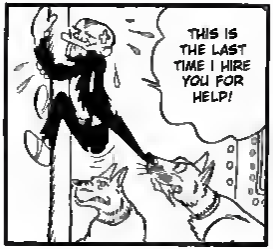
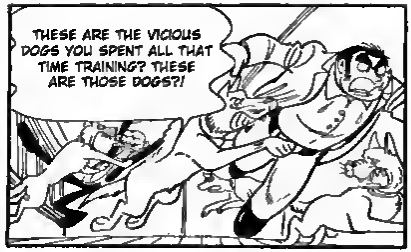
WAIT A SEC.
SO. THINK YOU CAN KILL MY FRIEND AND GET AWAY WITH IT?
KUROBOSHI!
YOU...
AND THEIR BOSS...? THAT WAS ME!
REMEMBER ALL THOSE DOGS THAT SAW YOU OFF AT THE STATION?
YEAH, YOU REMEMBER, RIGHT? JEEZ... LOOK HOW BIG YA ARE NOW!
DIDN'T YOU USED TO BE THE TIGER THAT FAT GUY WAS KEEPING IN THE CITY?
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? REMEMBER WHEN YOU ESCAPED...
IT IS YOU! DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE YOU AGAIN...

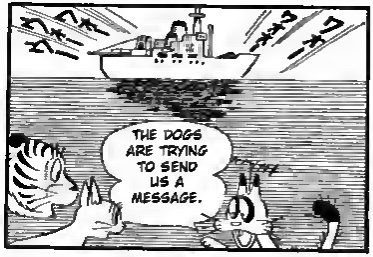

ALL RIGHT. LISTEN TO ME!
CHANGE OF PLANS. THIS TIGER HERE'S A BUDDY OF MINE, SEE, SO I WANT US ALL TO CALL OFF THE ATTACK.
AFTER YOU LEFT... WELL... SOME HUMANS CAME AND TOOK AN INTEREST IN ME TOO, SEE...KINDA EMBARRASSING BUT I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THEM FOR AWHILE.
YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT, I'D BE HAPPY TO FIGHT WITH YA.
YOU WANT TO FIGHT WITH A GUY WITH A FACE LIKE THIS?
LOOK AT THIS CUTE FACE OF HIS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE WHOLE THING'S OFF. JUST LIKE THAT?
...THIS NECES-SARY?
NOW DO A LITTLE TRICK. STAND UP.
WOOF.
WOOF.
EVERYBODY WAG YOUR TAIL AND GO "WOOF WOOF!" TO SHOW 'EM YOU'RE BEHAVING NOW.
BUT WE WANT TO APOLOGIZE SOMEHOW. YOU PET US THE WRONG WAY, IF YOU WANT.
YOU'RE RIGHT. WE DID SOME PRETTY IRRE-VERSIBLE STUFF.
THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE FORGIVE YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID.

JIROCHO... THE DOGS SAID THEY WON'T HURT ANYONE ELSE.
JIRO-CHO ..!
WHAT IS IT? WHO DID IT? LET ME AT 'IM! SHOW ME THE GUY WHO DID IT!
NORAKURO .. THE DOGS ALREADY SURRENDERED.
SOMETHING HAPPEN TO JIROCHO?
KUROBOSHI! HE JUST OPENED HIS EYES!
DOESN'T HAVE MUCH LONGER...
WHY DO I ALWAYS, ALWAYS MISS OUT ON THE ACTION...!
SO I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING. IF IT EVER LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO WIN...
THOSE HUMANS WILL BE BACK, KUROBOSHI. THIS SATTLE ISN'T OVER YET.
I'M RIGHT HERE.
KURO-BOSHI... ARE YOU THERE?

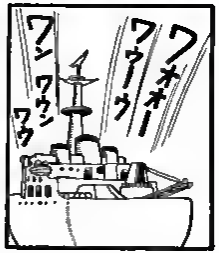

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I HIRE YOU FOR HELP!


THESE ARE THE VICIOUS DOGS YOU SPENT ALL THAT TIME TRAINING? THESE ARE THOSE DOGS?!

"BE SAFE. WE PRAY THAT YOU MAY WIN. SINCERELY, DOGS."
THAT'S WHERE IT ENDS.


THE DOGS ARE TRYING TO SEND US A MESSAGE.

THEY SAY
"WE'RE TAKING THE SHIP BACK TO THE MAIN-LAND."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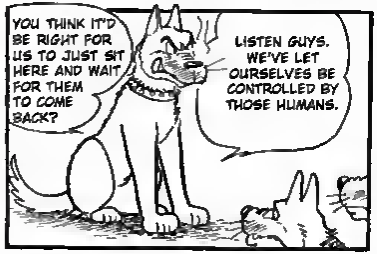
"BUT THE HUMANS SEEM INTENT ON COMING TO THIS ISLAND. AND WHEN THEY COME, THEY INTEND TO GET RID OF EVERY ANIMAL HERE."

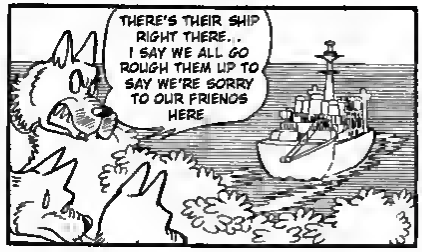
TAKE CARE OF TIGER-LAND FOR ME...
KUROBOSHI... FROM THIS DAY ON... YOU CAN CALL YOURSELF SHIROBOSHI.

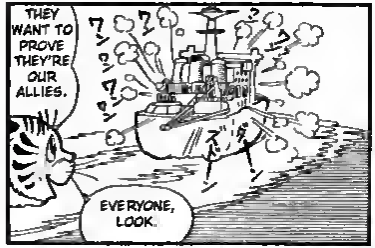
I NEED YOU TO TAKE THE PEARS FROM YOUR MOTHER'S TREE AND BURY ALL OF THEM IN THE GROUND. DO THAT AND YOU CAN SAVE THE ISLAND.
OK.

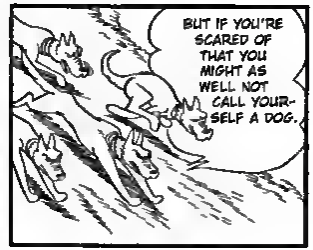

YOU THINK IT'D BE RIGHT FOR US TO JUST SIT HERE AND WAIT FOR THEM TO COME BACK?
LISTEN GUYS. WE'VE LET OURSELVES BE CONTROLLED BY THOSE HUMANS.

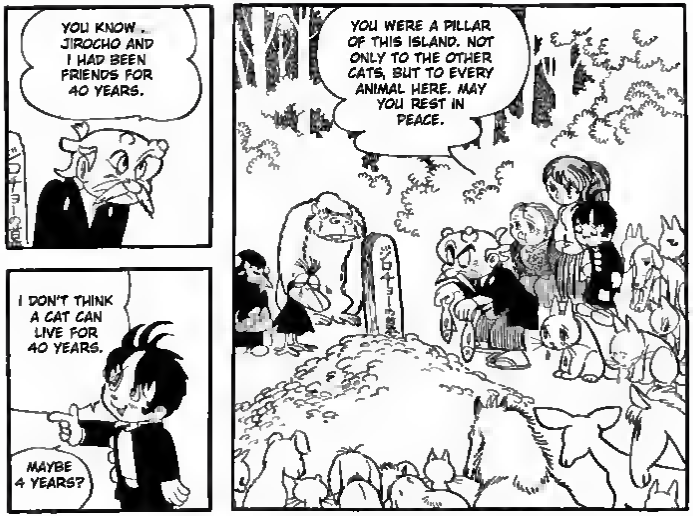
JIROCHO...! HE CLOSED HIS EYES AGAIN... HE'S...

THEY DO.
BUT.. DON'T THEY HAVE WHIPS? AND GUNS?

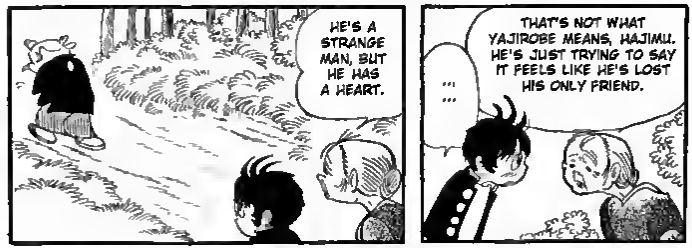

THERE'S THEIR SHIP RIGHT THERE.. I SAY WE ALL GO ROUGH THEM UP TO SAY WE'RE SORRY TO OUR FRIENDS HERE


THEY WANT TO PROVE THEY'RE OUR ALLIES.
EVERYONE, LOOK.


BUT IF YOU'RE SCARED OF THAT YOU MIGHT AS WELL NOT CALL YOURSELF A DOG.


YOU KNOW, JIROCHO AND I HAD BEEN FRIENDS FOR 40 YEARS.
YOU WERE A PILLAR OF THIS ISLAND. NOT ONLY TO THE OTHER CATS, BUT TO EVERY ANIMAL HERE. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.
I DON'T THINK A CAT CAN LIVE FOR 40 YEARS.
MAYBE 4 YEARS?

GRAVE: JIROCHO SLEEPS HERE


HE'S A STRANGE MAN, BUT HE HAS A HEART.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YAJIROBE MEANS, HAJIMU. HE'S JUST TRYING TO SAY IT FEELS LIKE HE'S LOST HIS ONLY FRIEND.
...
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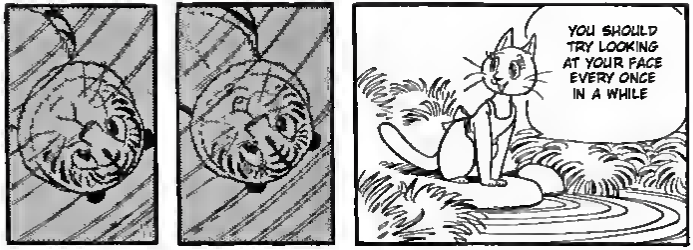
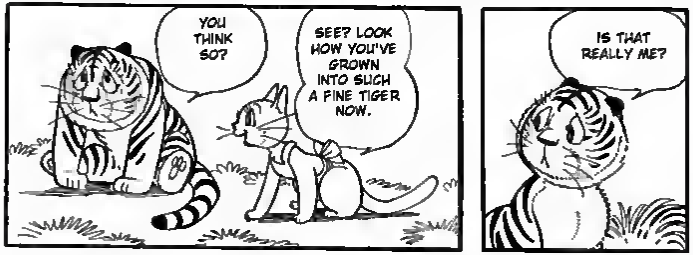
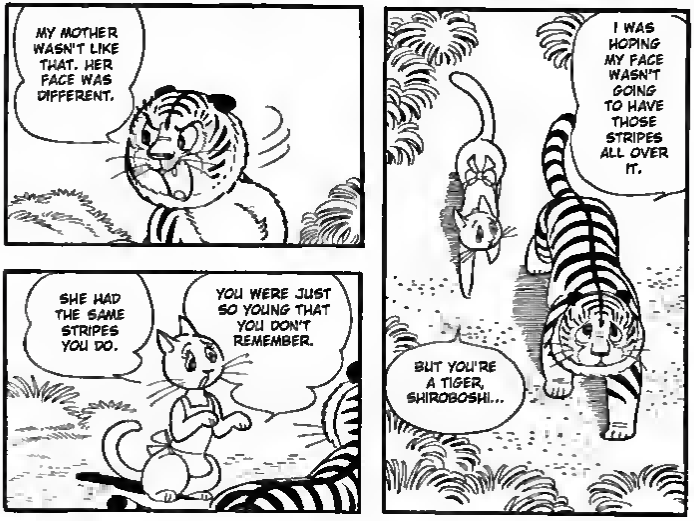
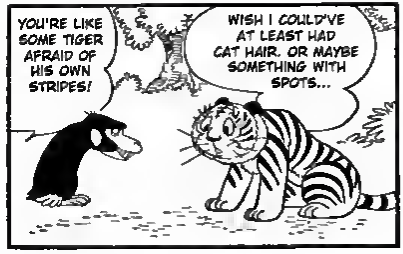
YOU'RE NOT, SHIRO-BOSHI!
BUT I'M JUST A KID...!
EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND IS TALKING ABOUT HOW THEY WANT YOU TO BE THE NEW LEADER
THE ISLAND FEELS EMPTY WITH JIROCHO GONE NOW.

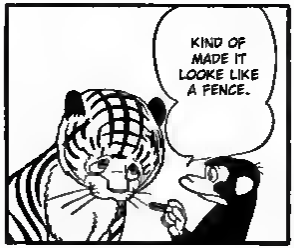




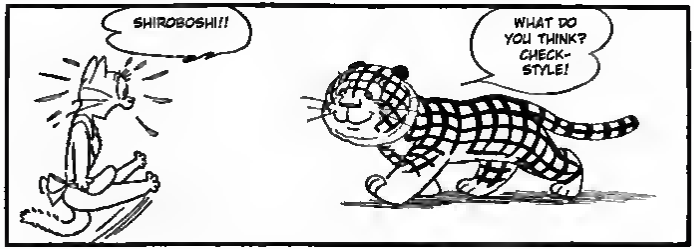

MY MOTHER WASN'T LIKE THAT. HER FACE WAS DIFFERENT.
I WAS HOPING MY FACE WASN'T GOING TO HAVE THOSE STRIPES ALL OVER IT.
SHE HAD THE SAME STRIPES YOU DO.
YOU WERE JUST SO YOUNG THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER.
BUT YOU'RE A TIGER, SHIROBOSHI...

HERE. LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEW ON YOU THEN.

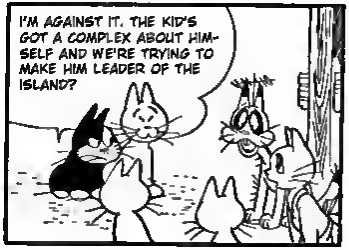

YOU'RE LIKE SOME TIGER AFRAID OF HIS OWN STRIPES!
WISH I COULD'VE AT LEAST HAD CAT HAIR. OR MAYBE SOMETHING WITH SPOTS...


KIND OF MADE IT LOOKE LIKE A FENCE.

SEE WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THIS BLACK MAGIC MARKER.


SHIROBOSHI!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? CHECK-STYLE!

BUT THINK ABOUT WHAT THE ISLAND WOULD BE LIKE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE SHIROBOSHI RIGHT NOW. EVERYTHING WOULD BE IN CHAOS!

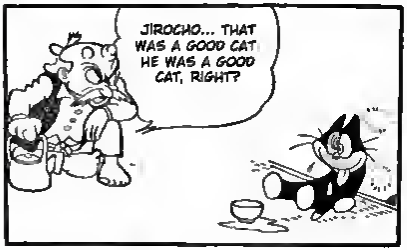

I'M AGAINST IT. THE KID'S GOT A COMPLEX ABOUT HIMSELF AND WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE HIM LEADER OF THE ISLAND?

JIROCHO... THIS ONE'S FOR YOU. AND THE NEXT ONE, AND THE NEXT ONE.

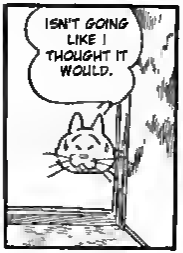
WAIT HERE... WE'LL BRING YOU AN EVEN BETTER LEADER.
SURE ABOUT THAT?

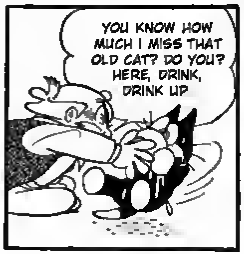
WHAT'D YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, LAPPING IT UP LIKE THAT?

HMMM? NORAKURO? YOU WANT A DRINK?


JIROCHO... THAT WAS A GOOD CAT HE WAS A GOOD CAT, RIGHT?

HERE'S HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DRINK IT.


ISN'T GOING LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD.


YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I MISS THAT OLD CAT? DO YOU? HERE, DRINK, DRINK UP

HERE. WE'RE NOT DONE YET. COME HERE.

WHAT'D YOU KNOW? YOU'RE JUST A CAT!!
IT'S YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT IT.
YOU'VE BEEN LIVING ON THIS ISLAND LONGER THAN ANY OF US
I KNOW IT IS.
THE STRANGE OLD MAN WHO RAN AWAY FROM HUMAN SOCIETY?
ME? LEADER?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE LEADER OF THIS ISLAND!
YOU KNOW IT TOO.
THERE'S NOBODY ELSE!
HUMAN SOCIETY IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL ALMOST ISN'T EVEN RELEVANT.
YOU ALWAYS GET LIKE THIS. DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE TO FIGHT FOR YOUR HOME?
ALWAYS BOSSING ME AROUND.
WHY DON'T YOU BE THE BOSS?
THIS ISN'T "MY" ISLAND.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT "PROPERTY" IS?
JUST SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE MAKING EXCUSES.
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I KNOW, I KNOW NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO BRING JIROCHO BACK.
WELL... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT SUCH A LIGHT-WEIGHT!
BELCH
MEOW MEOW MEOW .. ME-MEOW...
JIROCHO, JIROCHO... YOUR SPOTS OF DIFFERENT SIZES .. ALL RIGHT, NOW YOU.
SURE IS TAKING HIS SWEET TIME.
I'D RATHER NOT, PLEASE...
COME ON, HAVE A SIP
BUT WE CAME TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING SERIOUS
HEY, SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR SONG AND DRINK.
TO... WHAT?
THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU TO SAVE THIS ISLAND.
TOO BIG FOR US CATS.
LISTEN... THE NEXT FIGHT WE HAVE IS GOING TO BE BIG.
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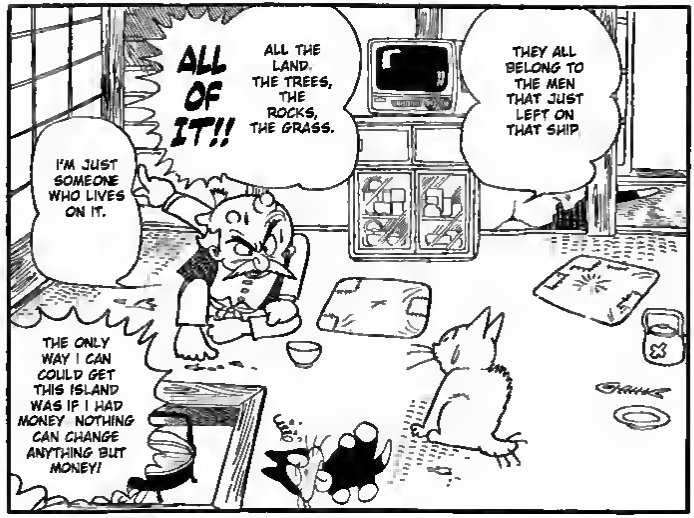
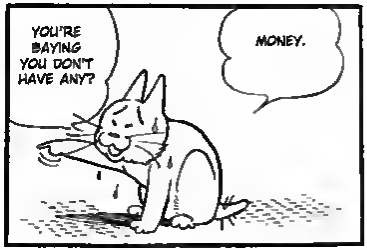
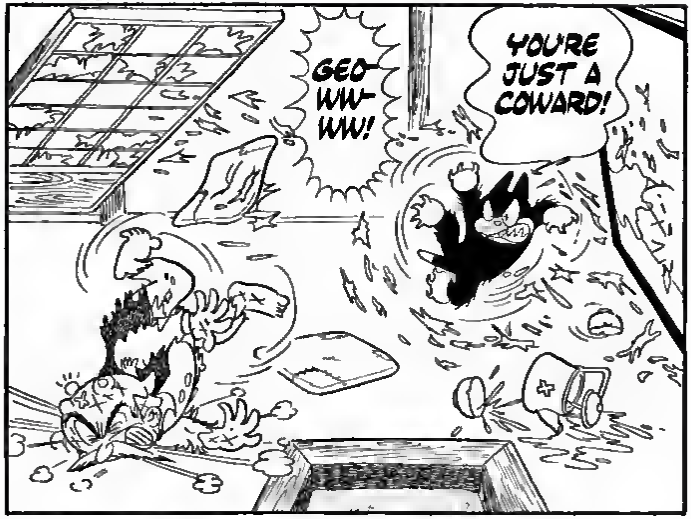

ALL OF IT!!
ALL THE LAND. THE TREES, THE ROCKS, THE GRASS.
THEY ALL BELONG TO THE MEN THAT JUST LEFT ON THAT SHIP.
I'M JUST SOMEONE WHO LIVES ON IT.
THE ONLY WAY I CAN COULD GET THIS ISLAND WAS IF I HAD MONEY. NOTHING CAN CHANGE ANYTHING BUT MONEY!

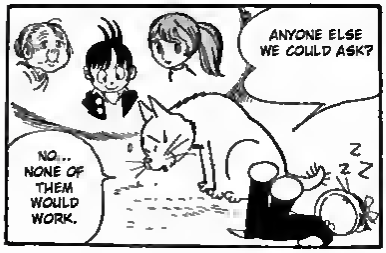
THEN A RECESSION HIT, THE COMPANY WENT UNDER, AND I LOST EVERYTHING!
I DID. A LONG TIME AGO.


YOU'RE SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE ANY?
MONEY.

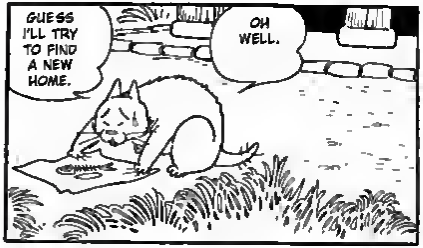
LISTEN TO YOU..

SO LEAVE. GO ON. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS ISLAND, OK? SO GET OUT OF HERE.


GEO-WW-WW!
YOU'RE JUST A COWARD!


ANYONE ELSE WE COULD ASK?
NO... NONE OF THEM WOULD WORK.

YOU ARE NOT HELPFUL WHEN DRUNK.


GUESS I'LL TRY TO FIND A NEW HOME.
OH WELL.

LOOKING AT THESE CALCULATIONS DONE BY ABACUS..
THIS ISLAND IS DONE FOR.

GETTING OFF THE ISLAND THIS ISLAND'S FINISHED. YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE TOO.
GETTING OFF THE ISLAND?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GO? HEHEH.
GOING SOMEWHERE?
HEY. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THAT STORY ABOUT JAPAN SINKING?
NOT REALLY ANY PLACE NICER THAN THIS ISLAND, I THINK.
PRETTY COWARDLY TO RUN AWAY, TOO.
SURE, SURE HEH. I WON'T STOP YOU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT. THINK I'M GOING TO TRUST WHAT SOME SLY MONKEY LIKE YOU SAYS?
VOLCANOES ERUPT, EARTHQUAKES START HAPPENING EVERYWHERE...
MIGHT NOT BE A SAFER PLACE THAN THIS ONE.

HAPPENS EVERYDAY ON THE MAINLAND.
EARTH-QUAKE.
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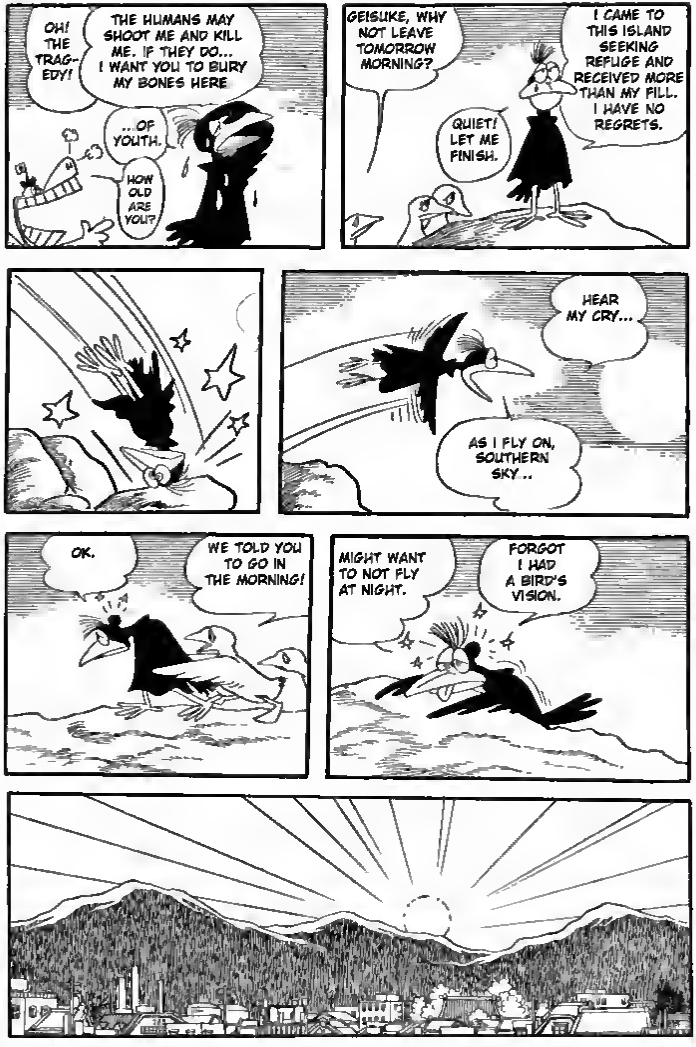
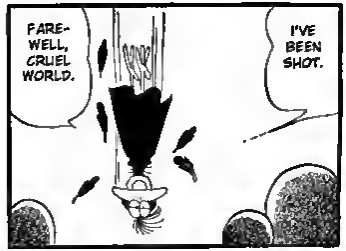
GUESS I'LL STAY.
GOOD WORK BOSS. YOU CAN STOP.
SURE, ANYTHING FOR YOU, BOSS.
GIVE ME ANYTHING. I CAN TAKE IT.
I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE MAINLAND AND FIND OUT WHAT THOSE HUMANS THAT ARE ATTACKING THIS ISLAND ARE PLANNING.
GEISUKE, AT YOUR SERVICE, BOSS.
I NEED A FAVOR.

THAT'S. . NOT SCARY AT ALL. DON'T WORRY NOT A PROBLEM.
OK, BOSS.
NEXT TIME THEY COME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT THEM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.
I WANT TO KNOW WHEN THEY'RE COMING.
?
IT'S A TRADITION FOR WHEN WE GO OUT ON A JOURNEY, SEE
?
BOSS . THIS CUP...
JUST LETTING ME DRINK FROM IT WOULD'VE BEEN FINE.
TONIGHT I SAY FAREWELL TO TIGERLAND.
?
NO, I'M FINE. JUST GOING ON A LITTLE TRIP.
GEISUKE. DID YOU GET IN TROUBLE?

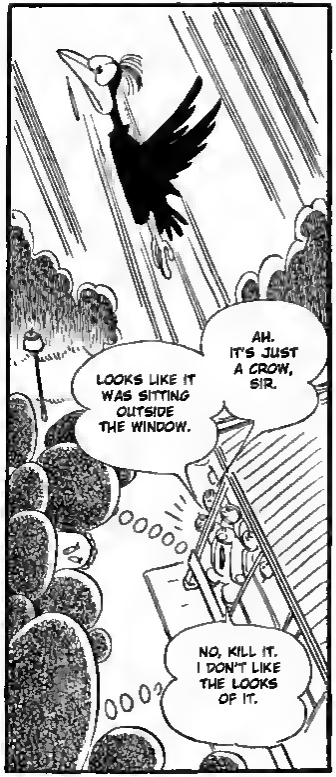

OH! THE TRAG-EDY!
THE HUMANS MAY SHOOT ME AND KILL ME. IF THEY DO... I WANT YOU TO BURY MY BONES HERE
...OF YOUTH.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
GEISUKE, WHY NOT LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING?
QUIET! LET ME FINISH.
I CAME TO THIS ISLAND SEEKING REFUGE AND RECEIVED MORE THAN MY FILL. I HAVE NO REGRETS.
HEAR MY CRY...
AS I FLY ON, SOUTHERN SKY..
OK.
WE TOLD YOU TO GO IN THE MORNING!
MIGHT WANT TO NOT FLY AT NIGHT.
FORGOT I HAD A BIRD'S VISION.

BACK ON THE MAINLAND... THE COMPANY THAT WAS TRYING TO BUILD A FACTORY ON TIGERLAND WAS HAVING A MEETING. THE LEADER OF THAT COMPANY WAS NONE OTHER THAN BAISHULI KATSU, THE PREVIOUS OWNER OF SHIROBOSHI.
GOOD WEATHER MEANS GOOD BUSINESS, I ALWAYS SAY.
GOOD WEATHER TODAY.
TODAY WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING DISCUSSING THE OIL REFINERY'S CONSTRUCTION.
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
THIS IS A MODEL OF THE CURRENT ISLAND.
WHAT'S THIS? YOU MADE CAKE?

LET'S DISCUSS HOW.
I LIKE IT.
AND THIS IS HOW THE ISLAND WILL LOOK WHEN WE'RE FINISHED!
AFTER THAT, WE'RE GOING TO BRING IN RIFLES, FLAME-THROWERS AND POSION GAS TO GET RID OF EVERYTHING ELSE LIVING THERE.
YES. FIRST, WE'VE HIRED A FEW... MEN... TO GO AND PERSUADE THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE ISLAND OFF OF IT.
EVERYTHING'S ALREADY WELL THOUGHT OUT.
DON'T BE DOING A SLOPPY JOB WITH ALL THAT NOW.
FLATTEN IT ALL OUT AND READY IT FOR CONSTRUCTION
THEN, FINALLY, WE BRING IN THE BULL-DOZERS.
HM? SOMEONE LISTENING IN ON US?
DON'T WORRY. THREE DAYS SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO TAKE CARE OF IT ALL.

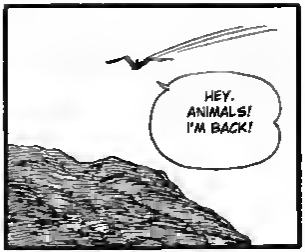

FARE-WELL, CRUEL WORLD.
I'VE BEEN SHOT.

OH.. NEVER-MIND. IT WAS JUST SOME BUTT FEATH-ERS.

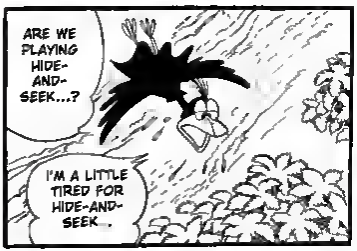

AH. IT'S JUST A CROW, SIR.
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS SITTING OUTSIDE THE WINDOW.
NO, KILL IT. I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF IT.

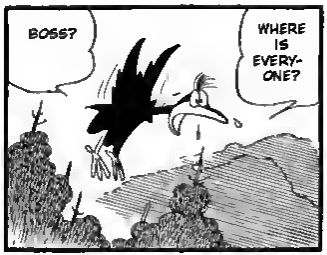
IT'S A LITTLE HARDER TO BALANCE NOW.

JUST...

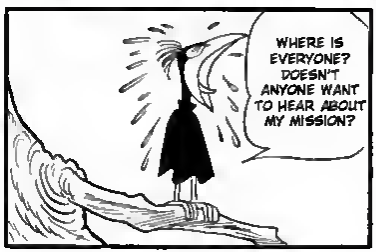

HEY. ANIMALS! I'M BACK!

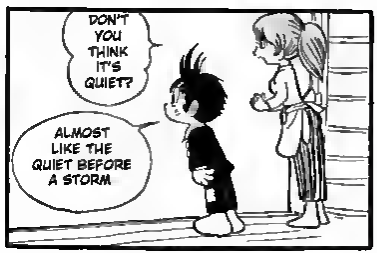
GYAH!! I'M JUST GOING TO FLAP AS HARD AS I CAN.


ARE WE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK...?
I'M A LITTLE TIRED FOR HIDE-AND-SEEK...


BOSS?
WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?

AINO... I CAN'T FIND ANY OF THE ANIMALS ANYWHERE! NO CATS, NOT EVEN SHIRO-BOSHI!!


WHERE IS EVERYONE? DOESN'T ANYONE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT MY MISSION?


DON'T YOU THINK IT'S QUIET?
ALMOST LIKE THE QUIET BEFORE A STORM

I CAN HEAR SHIRO-BOSHI TALKING!

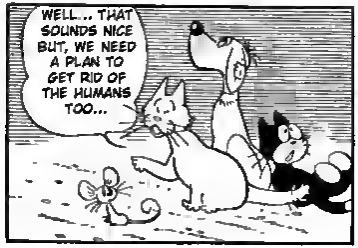
SHIRO-BOSHI! ANYONE? ANYONE THERE?

AINO! THE ANIMALS ARE ALL MEETING UNDER-GROUND!

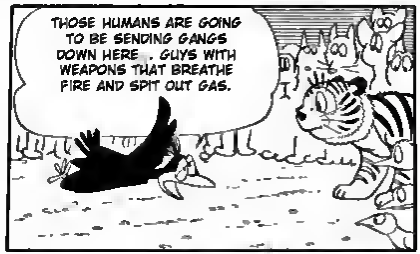
IT'S COMING FROM... UNDERGROUND? THIS IS HIS VOICE, I'M SURE IT IS.

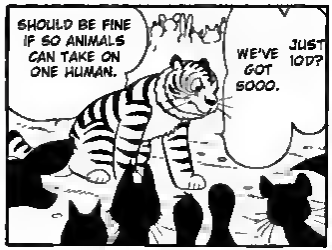
THERE ARE ENTRANCES HERE AND THERE HIDDEN ALL OVER THE ISLAND, SO IT SHOULD BE EASY FOR ALL OF US TO GET DOWN HERE
OUR FIRST LINE OF ACTION WHEN THE HUMANS ATTACK IS TO COME HIDE UNDERGROUND.

EVERYONE! GEISUKE'S BACK!
BOSS! BOSS! BIG NEWS...

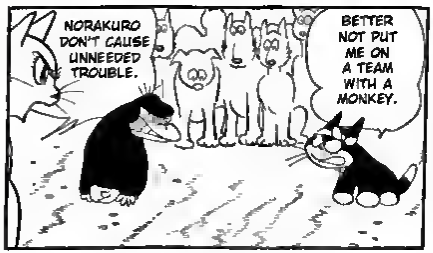

WELL... THAT SOUNDS NICE BUT, WE NEED A PLAN TO GET RID OF THE HUMANS TOO...

TO PUT IT IN SHORT, WE'RE DOOMED.

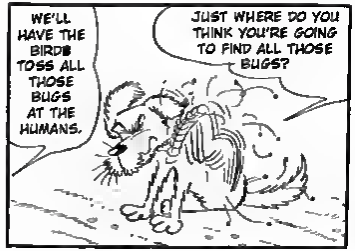

THOSE HUMANS ARE GOING TO BE SENDING GANGS DOWN HERE. GUYS WITH WEAPONS THAT BREATHE FIRE AND SPIT OUT GAS.


SHOULD BE FINE IF SO ANIMALS CAN TAKE ON ONE HUMAN.
WE'VE GOT 5000.
JUST 10D?

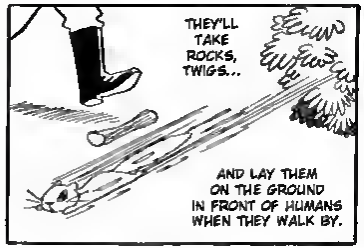
A LOT. 100 PEOPLE, BOSS.
QUIT ACTING WEAK. HOW MANY PEOPLE?


NORAKURO DON'T CAUSE UNNEEDED TROUBLE.
BETTER NOT PUT ME ON A TEAM WITH A MONKEY.

WE'LL SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS OF 50 ANIMALS EACH.

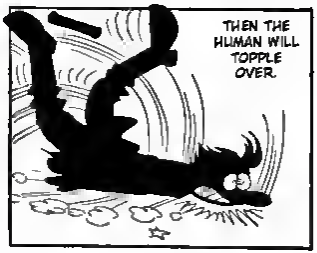

WE'LL HAVE THE BIRDS TOSS ALL THOSE BUGS AT THE HUMANS.
JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO FIND ALL THOSE BUGS?

HERE'S OUR FIRST PLAN.
WE NEED TO GATHER ALL THE BUGS WE CAN AND PUT THEM IN BAGS.
FLEAS, TICKS, LICE, BEDBUGS... ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.


THEY'LL TAKE ROCKS, TWIGS...
AND LAY THEM ON THE GROUND IN FRONT OF HUMANS WHEN THEY WALK BY.

NEXT WE'LL HAVE OUR TOPPLE STRATEGY. WE'LL NEED THE SMALL FAST GUYS FOR THIS ONE.

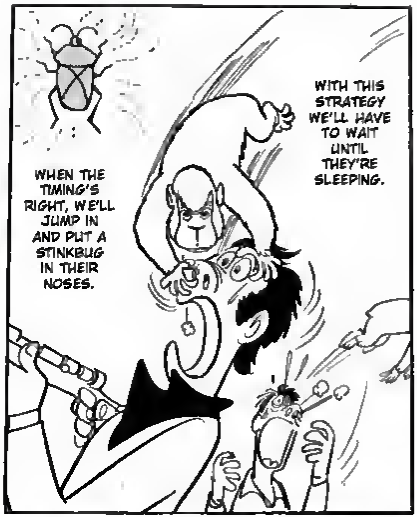
I LIKE THIS PLAN.
DO IT ENOUGH AND WE'LL WEAR THEM DOWN. MAYBE BREAK A BONE OR TWO.

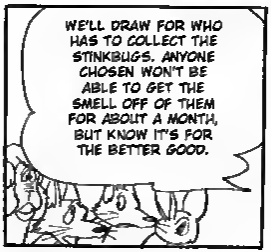

THEN THE HUMAN WILL TOPPLE OVER.

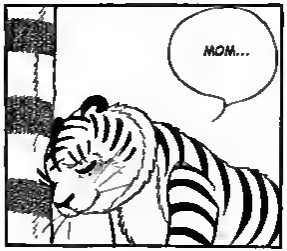
WAIT UNTIL I'VE SAID THE THIRD PART OF OUR STRATEGY.
I KNOW WE ARE.
THIS ONE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL OF THEM, ACTUALLY.

WE'RE DEALING WITH HUMANS THAT WON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT KILLING US!
DON'T YOU THINK THIS ALL MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO CUTE TO WORK?

WE'LL USE IT THE FIRST NIGHT THEY GET HERE.
THAT'S THE LAST STRATEGY WE HAVE.


WITH THIS STRATEGY WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE SLEEPING.
WHEN THE TIMING'S RIGHT, WE'LL JUMP IN AND PUT A STINKBUG IN THEIR NOSES.


WE'LL DRAW FOR WHO HAS TO COLLECT THE STINKBUGS. ANYONE CHOSEN WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE SMELL OFF OF THEM FOR ABOUT A MONTH, BUT KNOW IT'S FOR THE BETTER GOOD.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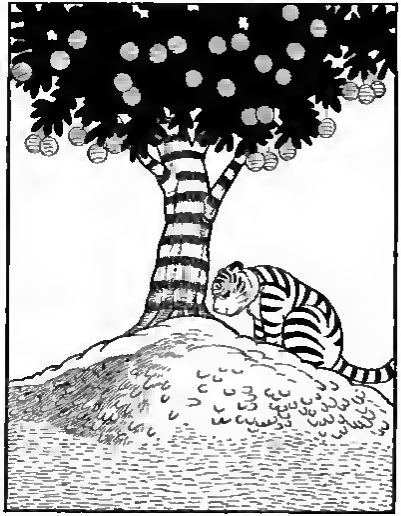
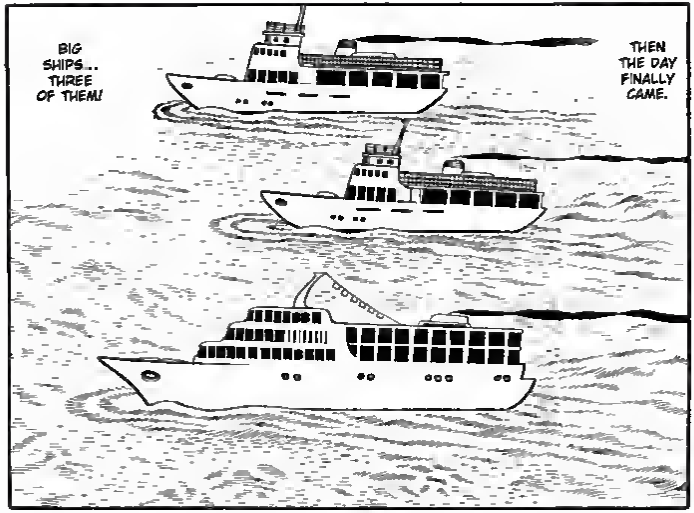
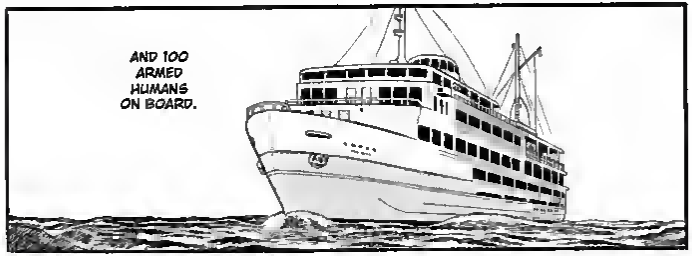
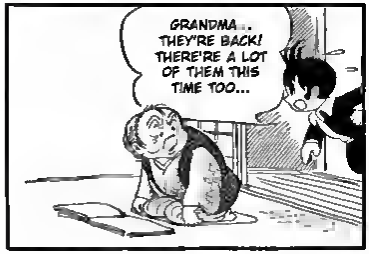
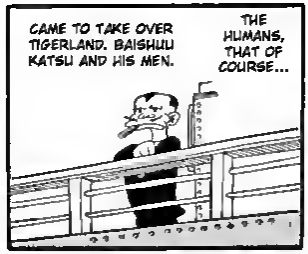


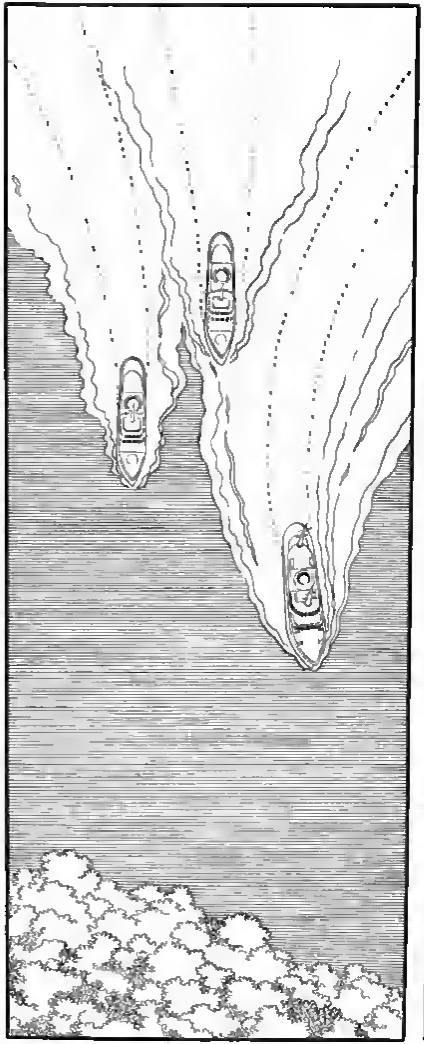
I'M GOING TO PROTECT THIS ISLAND I PROMISE.

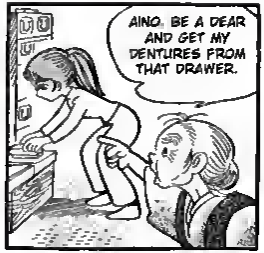

BIG SHIPS... THREE OF THEM!
THEN THE DAY FINALLY CAME.

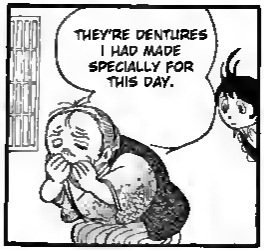

AND 100 ARMED HUMANS ON BOARD.


GRANDMA... THEY'RE BACK! THERE'RE A LOT OF THEM THIS TIME TOO...

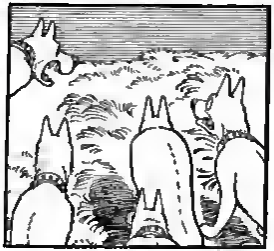

CAME TO TAKE OVER TIGERLAND. BAISHUU KATSU AND HIS MEN.
THE HUMANS, THAT OF COURSE...



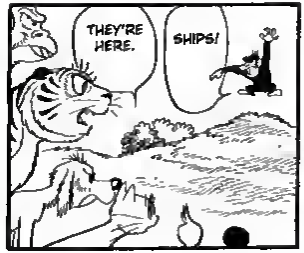

AINO. BE A DEAR AND GET MY DENTURES FROM THAT DRAWER.

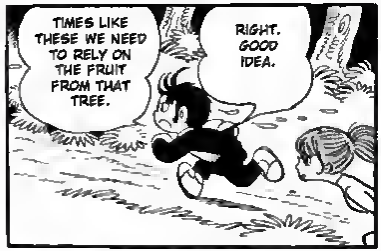

THEY'RE DENTURES I HAD MADE SPECIALLY FOR THIS DAY.

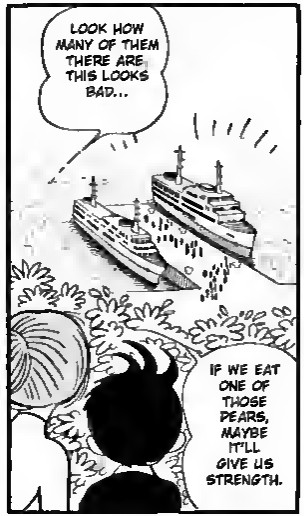
YOU LOOK LIKE DRACULA.
I'M GOING TO CHOMP THEM RIGHT IN THE BUTT WHEN I SEE THEM!

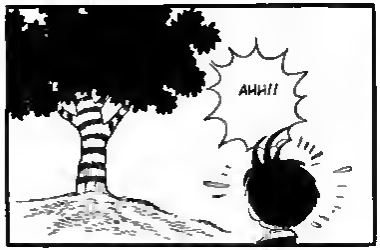


EVERYONE IN YOUR UNITS!
THE FIGHT BEGINS NOW.


THEY'RE HERE.
SHIPS!


TIMES LIKE THESE WE NEED TO RELY ON THE FRUIT FROM THAT TREE.
RIGHT. GOOD IDEA.


LOOK HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE. THIS LOOKS BAD...
IF WE EAT ONE OF THOSE PEARS, MAYBE IT'LL GIVE US STRENGTH.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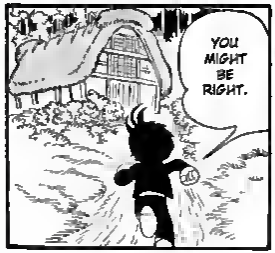
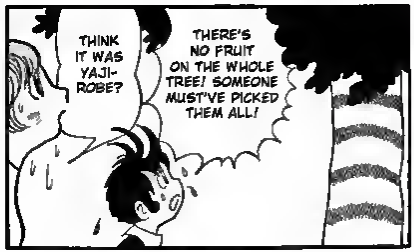

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.

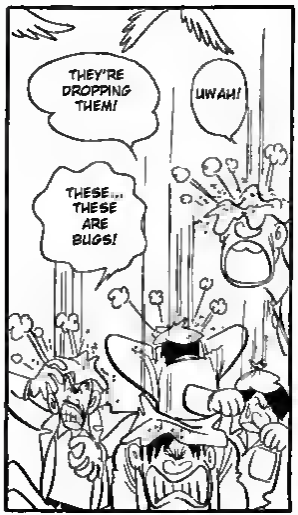

THINK IT WAS YAJI-ROBE?
THERE'S NO FRUIT ON THE WHOLE TREE! SOMEONE MUST'VE PICKED THEM ALL!

HMM? TREE? WHAT TREE?
WHO TOOK THE PEARS DOWN FROM THAT TREE? WAS IT YOU?

YAJIROBE...

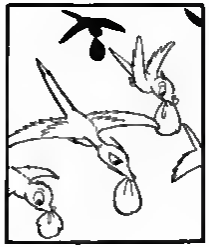
WE'RE IN TROUBLE.
NO PEARS, YAJIROBE'S PASSED OUT...

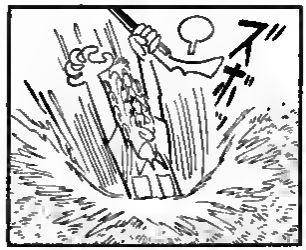
SO WHAT? WE CAN'T STOP THEM. IT'S HOPE-LESS, KID...
GET YOURSELF TOGETHER! DON'T YOU KNOW THE ISLAND'S BEING ATTAC-KED!?

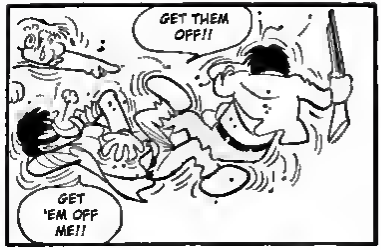

THEY'RE DROPPING THEM!
UWAH!
THESE... THESE ARE BUGS!

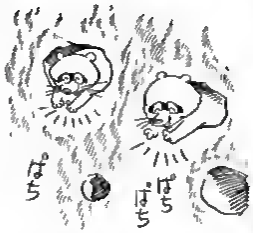
KILL EVERY ANIMAL YOU SEE. FORWARD!

ARE THOSE BIRDS? THEY GOT SOME-THING IN THEIR BEAKS...






GET THEM OFF!!
GET 'EM OFF ME!!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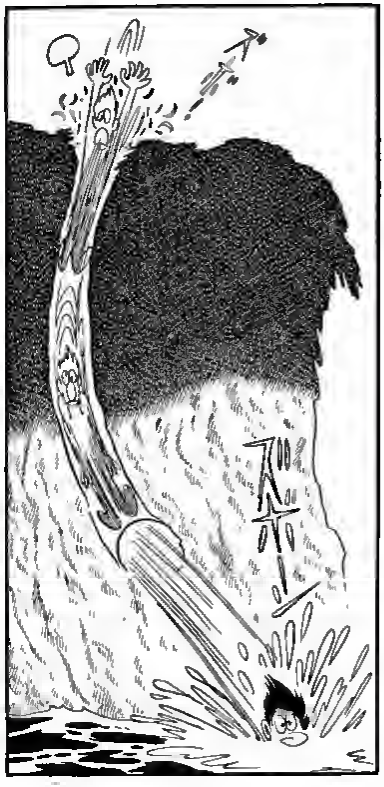
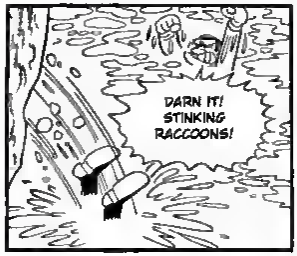
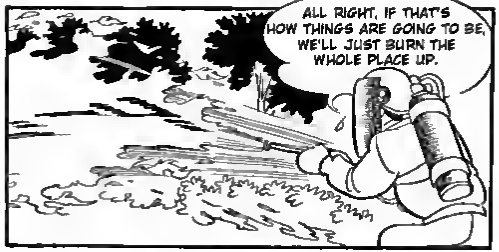
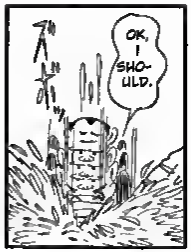



DARN IT! STINKING RACCOONS!

BE CARE-FUL? OF RAC-COONS?!
THE ISLAND'S COVERED WITH RACCOON HOLES. BE CAREFUL.


ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO BE, WE'LL JUST BURN THE WHOLE PLACE UP.


OK, I SHO-ULD.

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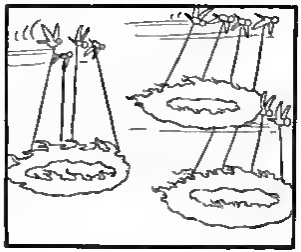
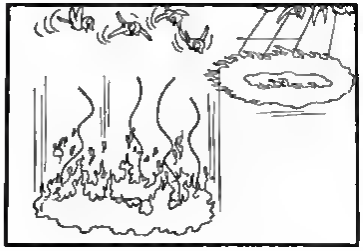
THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TEAR EVERYTHING DOWN ANYWAY. LET'S HELP THEM OUT BY BURNING IT ALL UP!





THEY'RE LIKE FLYING CIRCUS TRICKS...
WHAT ARE... THOSE?

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING! YOU ALL FAR-SIGHTED OR SOMETHING?
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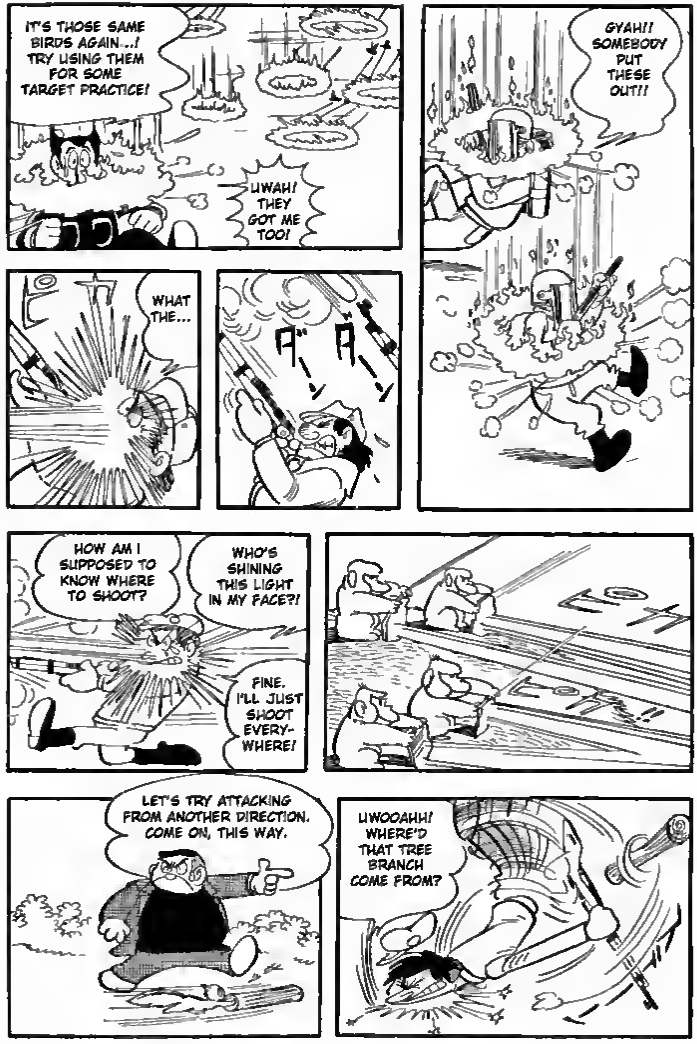
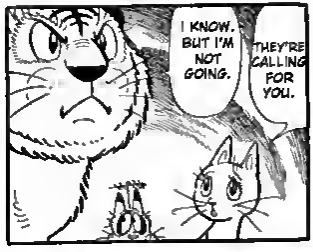
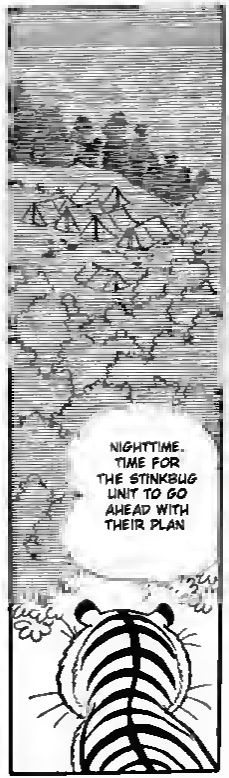
I BROKE MY WRIST!
BROKE MY LEG.
ARE YOU FAR-SIGHTED, SIR?
NO .. MAYBE IT'S THE SUN-GLASSES?
IT'S THE SOURCE OF ALL THIS!
THE TIGER...! THERE'S A TIGER ON THIS ISLAND. FIND IT AND KILL IT!
T-TIGER?
THE BUGS, THE TWIGS, THE RINGS OF FIRE... SOMEBODY'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS. THEY'VE GOT SOME LEADER PLANNING IT.
TIGER .. HERE TIGER... COME HERE...
HE'LL SAY THERE ARE BEARS AND LIONS NEXT, PROBABLY
THINK THAT GUY'S CRAZY? TALKING ABOUT TIGERS ALL OF A SUDDEN...

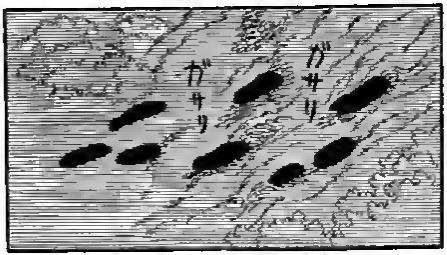

IT'S THOSE SAME BIRDS AGAIN...! TRY USING THEM FOR SOME TARGET PRACTICE!
UWAH! THEY GOT ME TOO!
GYAH!! SOMEBODY PUT THESE OUT!!
WHAT THE...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHERE TO SHOOT?
WHO'S SHINING THIS LIGHT IN MY FACE?!
FINE. I'LL JUST SHOOT EVERY-WHERE!
LET'S TRY ATTACKING FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION. COME ON, THIS WAY.
UWOOAHH! WHERE'D THAT TREE BRANCH COME FROM?

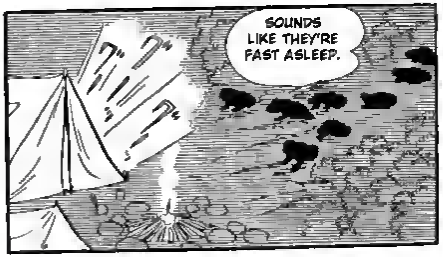
I NEED TO STRIKE AT THEM JUST WHEN THEY'VE STARTED TO FORGET ABOUT ME.
I GO NOW AND THEY'LL HAVE ME RIGHT WHERE THEY WANT ME.
I'M WORRIED.

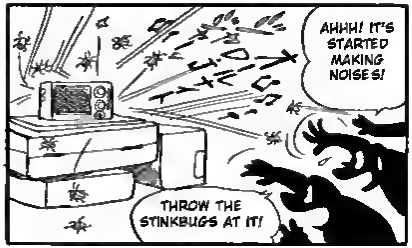

I KNOW. BUT I'M NOT GOING.
THEY'RE CALLING FOR YOU.

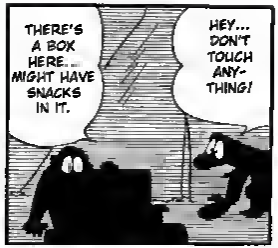
ALL RIGHT. WE'RE ABOUT TO GO INSIDE THE HUMAN'S TENTS BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE NOTICED.


NIGHTTIME. TIME FOR THE STINKBUG UNIT TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PLAN

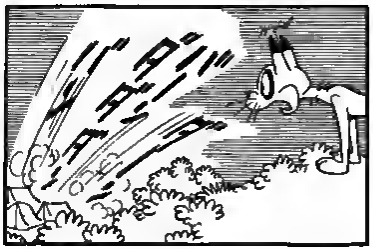


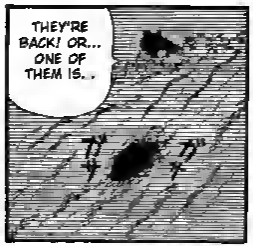

SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE FAST ASLEEP.

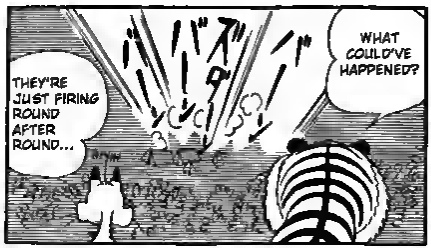

AHHH! IT'S STARTED MAKING NOISES!
THROW THE STINKBUGS AT IT!

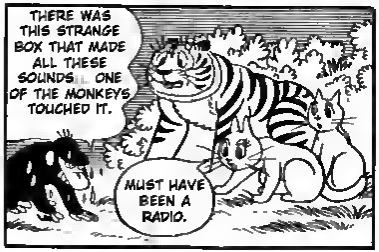

THERE'S A BOX HERE... MIGHT HAVE SNACKS IN IT.
HEY... DON'T TOUCH ANY-THING!

SOUNDS LIKE THINGS TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE.




THEY'RE BACK! OR... ONE OF THEM IS. .

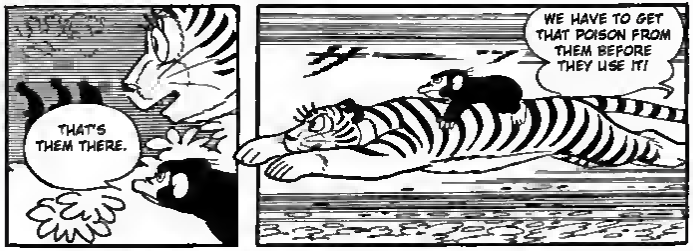

THEY'RE JUST FIRING ROUND AFTER ROUND...
WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED?

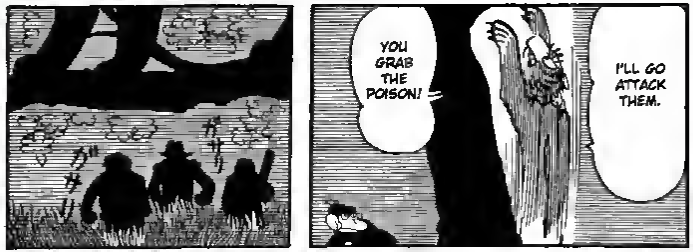

THERE WAS THIS STRANGE BOX THAT MADE ALL THESE SOUNDS... ONE OF THE MONKEYS TOUCHED IT.
MUST HAVE BEEN A RADIO.

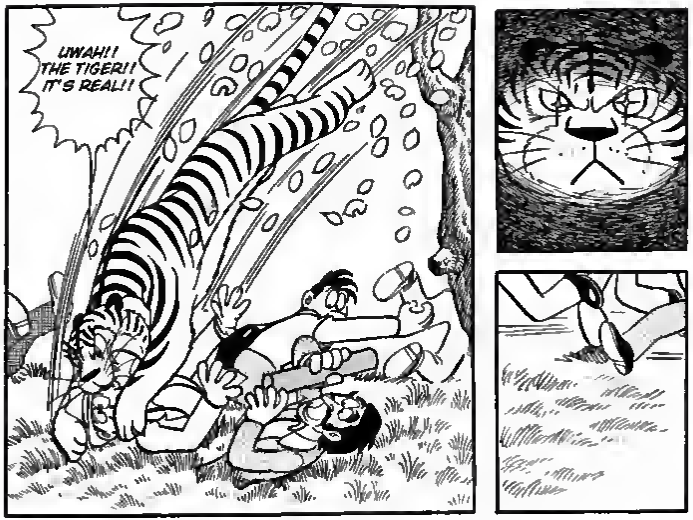
WHAT WENT WRONG? THE WHOLE UNIT WAS MASSACRED!
WHAT WENT WRONG?

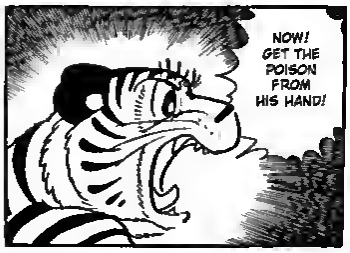
POISON?
THOSE HUMANS ARE PLANNING ON PUTTING POISONED FOOD ALL OVER THE ISLAND!
THE MISSION MAY HAVE BEEN A FAILURE. BUT SOSS, I HEARD SOME PRETTY ALARMING STUFF.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?
ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO.
TOMORROW MORNING!? WE HAVE TO HURRY OR THE WHOLE ISLAND'LL BE IN JEOPARDY!!!
WHEN?
TOMOR-ROW MORNING


THAT'S THEM THERE.
WE HAVE TO GET THAT POISON FROM THEM BEFORE THEY USE IT!


YOU GRAB THE POISON!
I'LL GO ATTACK THEM.

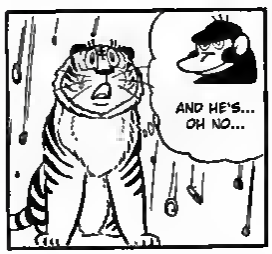

UWAH!! THE TIGER!! IT'S REAL!!

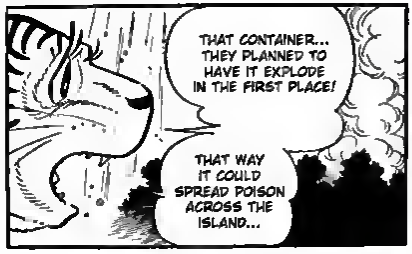

NOW! GET THE POISON FROM HIS HAND!

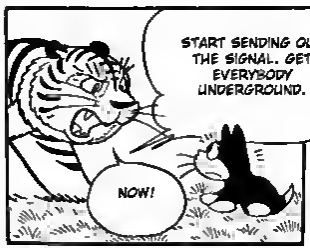
OWWW... IT'S GONNA EAT ME!
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU. JUST HURT YOU A LITTLE BIT.

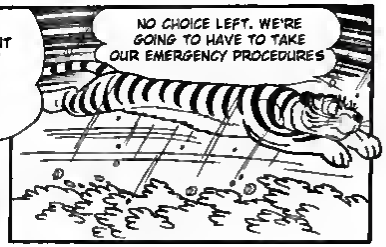
WHAT'S THIS TICK-TOCK SOUND IT'S MAKING?

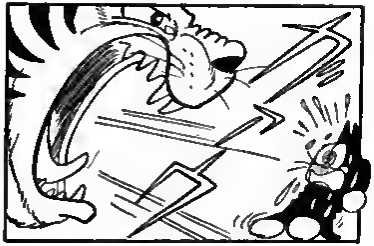
HEY. I GOT IT!

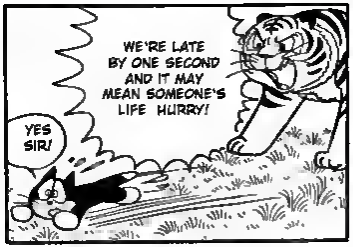












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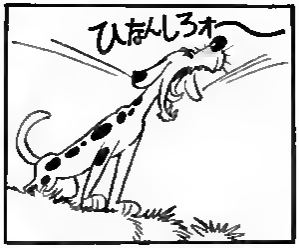

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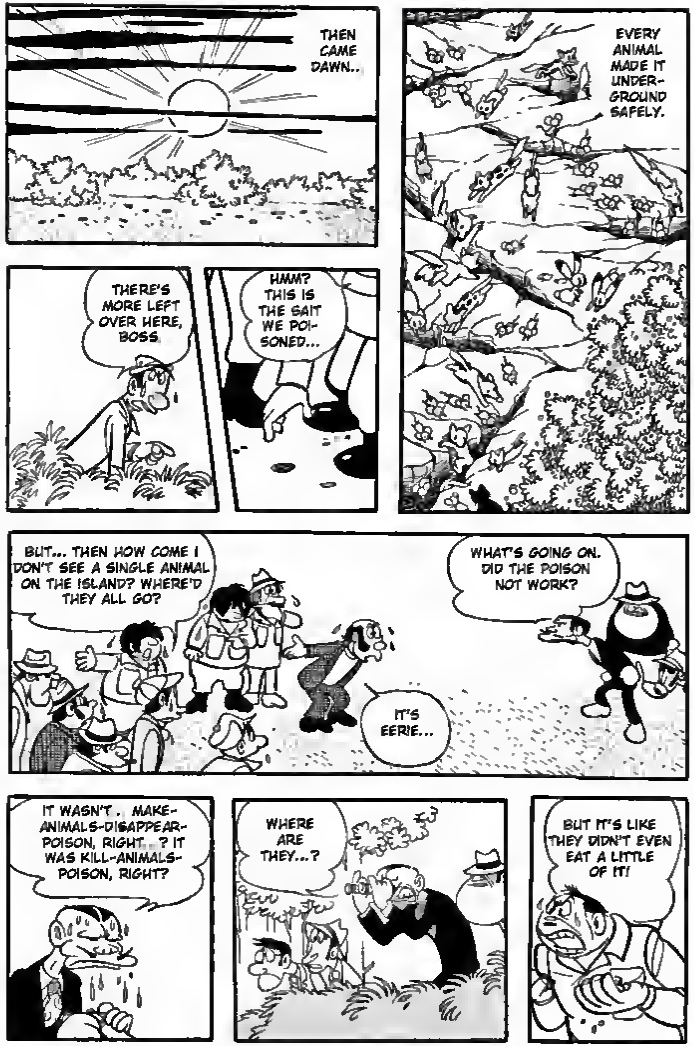
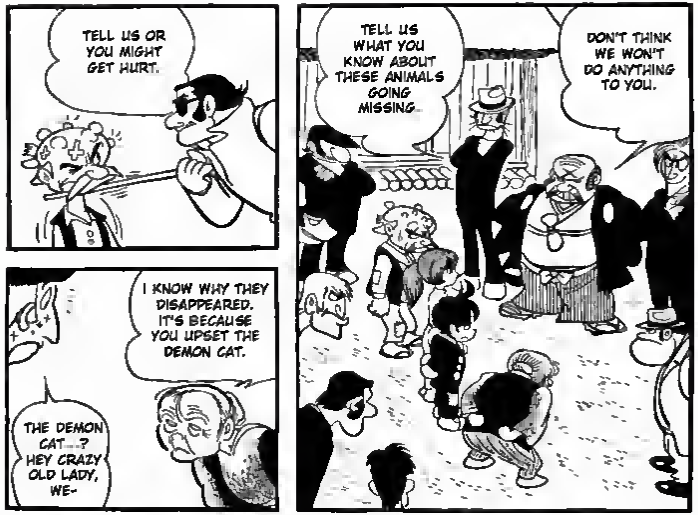
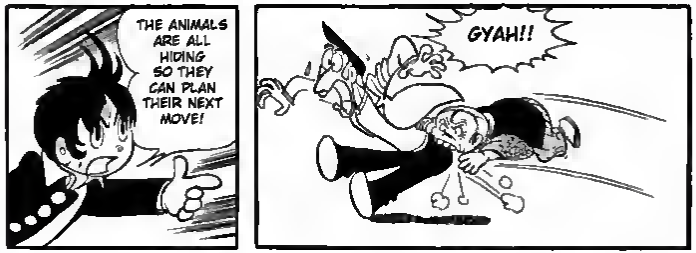
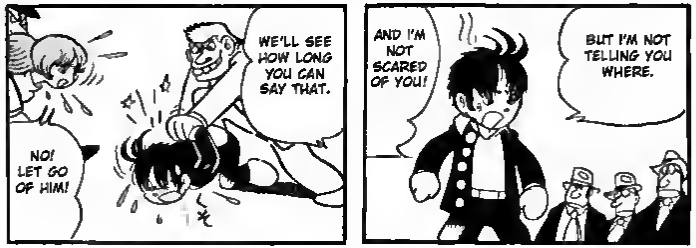
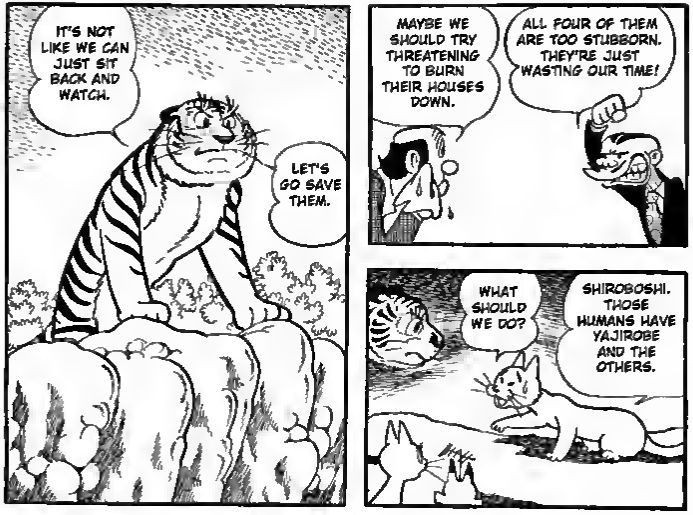

THEN CAME DAWN..
EVERY ANIMAL MADE IT UNDER-GROUND SAFELY.
THERE'S MORE LEFT OVER HERE, BOSS.
HMM? THIS IS THE BAIT WE POI-SONED...
BUT... THEN HOW COME I DON'T SEE A SINGLE ANIMAL ON THE ISLAND? WHERE'D THEY ALL GO?
WHAT'S GOING ON. DID THE POISON NOT WORK?
IT'S EERIE...
IT WASN'T . MAKE-ANIMALS-DISAPPEAR-POISON, RIGHT . ? IT WAS KILL-ANIMALS-POISON, RIGHT?
WHERE ARE THEY...?
BUT IT'S LIKE THEY DIDN'T EVEN EAT A LITTLE OF IT!

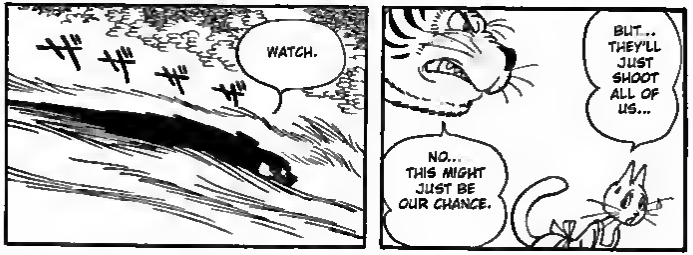
THEY'RE FRESH.
RACCOON DROPPINGS.
DARN IT. THEY'RE ALL HIDING SOME-WHERE, I KNOW THEY ARE.
AM I A GENIUS? AM I SHERLOCK HOLMES?
PROBABLY MADE SOMETIME LAST EVENING, I'D SUSPECT.
BUT THE PEOPLE AREN'T.
HMM WELL. THE ANI-MALS MAY BE GONE.
JUST NEED TO ASK THEM.
BUT WHERE DID THEY ALL GO? SOMEBODY TELL ME!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE MAKING A GAME OF THIS
YEAH. LET'S GO BULLY THE WEAK!
LET'S GO SEE IF WE CAN'T PRY THE ANSWER OUT OF THOSE FOUR FREAKS.
GREAT. SOUNDS FUN.

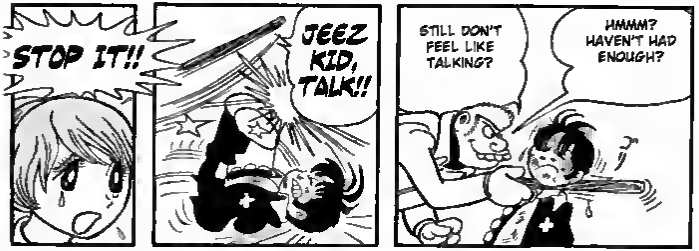

TELL US OR YOU MIGHT GET HURT.
TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE ANIMALS GOING MISSING.
DON'T THINK WE WON'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU.
I KNOW WHY THEY DISAPPEARED. IT'S BECAUSE YOU UPSET THE DEMON CAT.
THE DEMON CAT--? HEY CRAZY OLD LADY, WE-

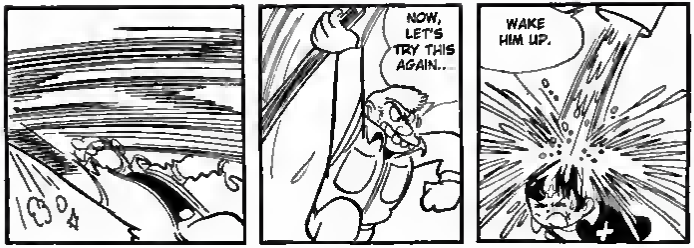

THE ANIMALS ARE ALL HIDING SO THEY CAN PLAN THEIR NEXT MOVE!
GYAH!!

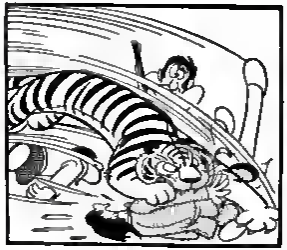

WE'LL SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN SAY THAT.
NO! LET GO OF HIM!
AND I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU!
BUT I'M NOT TELLING YOU WHERE.


IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH.
LET'S GO SAVE THEM.
MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY THREATENING TO BURN THEIR HOUSES DOWN.
ALL FOUR OF THEM ARE TOO STUBBORN. THEY'RE JUST WASTING OUR TIME!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SHIROBOSHI. THOSE HUMANS HAVE YAJIROBE AND THE OTHERS.


WATCH.
BUT... THEY'LL JUST SHOOT ALL OF US...
NO... THIS MIGHT JUST BE OUR CHANCE.

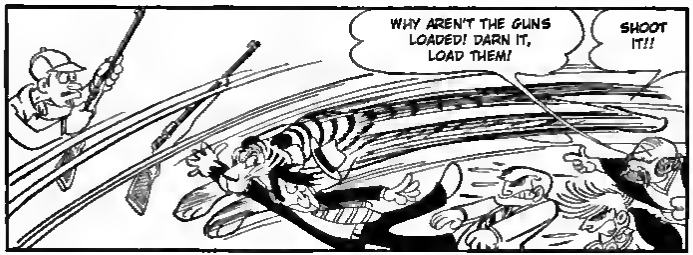

STOP IT!!
JEEZ KID, TALK!!
STILL DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING?
HMMM? HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH?


NOW, LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN..
WAKE HIM UP.

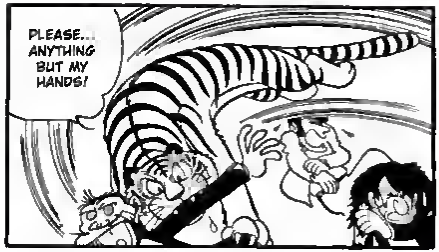


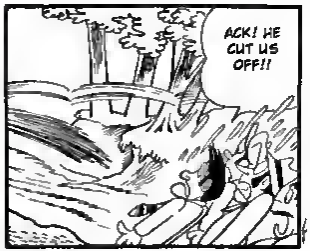
UWAHH! IT'S THAT TIGER!!
SHIROBOSHI!!!

IT WANTS TO EAT US!!


WHY AREN'T THE GUNS LOADED! DARN IT, LOAD THEM!
SHOOT IT!!

UWAHH!! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!


PLEASE... ANYTHING BUT MY HANDS!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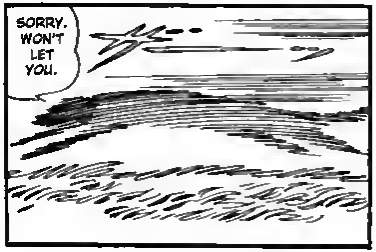
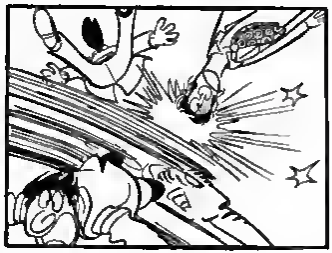
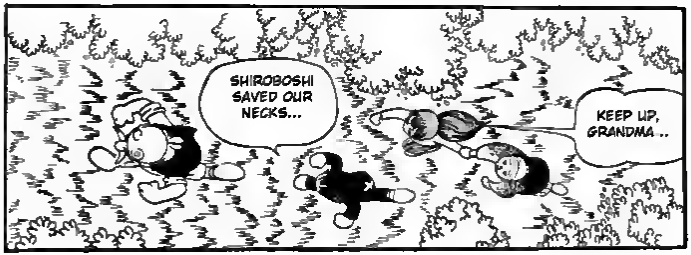
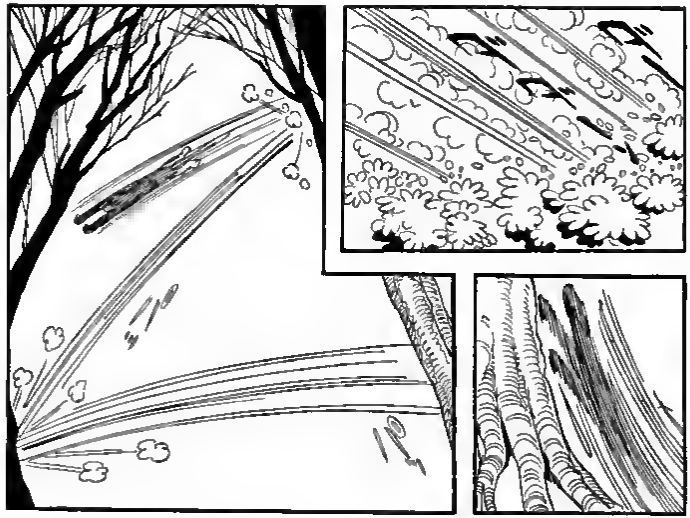
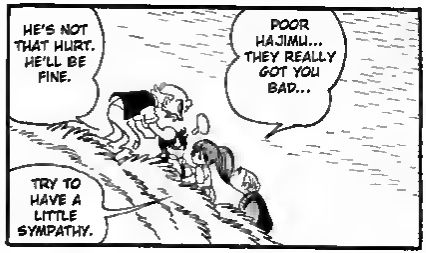

SORRY. WON'T LET YOU.



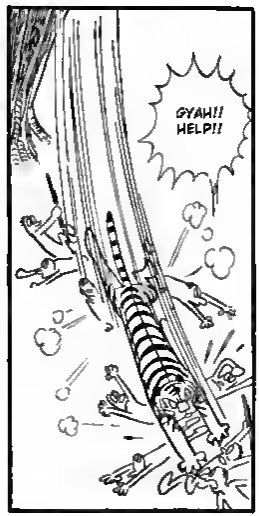

SHIROBOSHI SAVED OUR NECKS...
KEEP UP, GRANDMA ..




HE'S NOT THAT HURT. HE'LL BE FINE.
POOR HAJIMU... THEY REALLY GOT YOU BAD...
TRY TO HAVE A LITTLE SYMPATHY.

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO BE TALKING LIKE THAT.

YOU KNOW... MAYBE WE SHOULD REPORT WHAT THESE GUYS ARE DOING TO THE POLICE AFTER ALL.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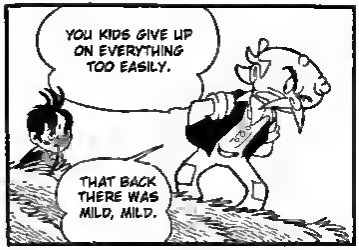

YOU KIDS GIVE UP ON EVERYTHING TOO EASILY.
THAT BACK THERE WAS MILD, MILD.

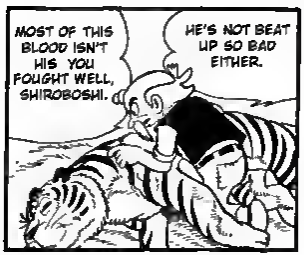
THEY'LL BURN OUR HOUSES DOWN!
SO THEN, WHAT?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU KNOW SOME WAY TO GET RID OF THEM?

S-SHIRO-BOSHI!!
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN PAIN ..

HHUFF.... H-HUFF...

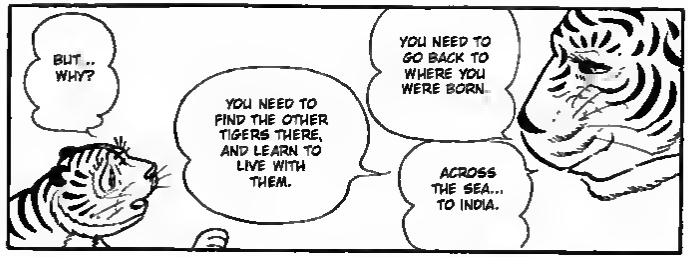
THANK YOU FOR SAVING US...
SHIROBOSHI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

BUT HE WOULD'VE BEEN IN DANGER IF HE WAS THERE ANY LONGER.
I GUESS IT WOULD BE HARD TO TAKE DOWN A TIGER...


MOST OF THIS BLOOD ISN'T HIS YOU FOUGHT WELL, SHIROBOSHI.
HE'S NOT BEAT UP SO BAD EITHER.

IS SHIROBOSHI TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING?
ALMOST NOON? IS THAT IMPORTANT?
ALMOST NOON
RAWLIRR... UWWAAR...
A FEW DAYS AGO I FOUND SHIROBOSHI UP NEXT TO THE PEAR TREE.
RIGHT. LET ME EXPLAIN.
I SEE. SO YOU MUST BE HERE ASKING YOUR MOTHER PERMISSION TO DO SO.
JIROCHO HAD SAID WE SHOULD BEFORE HE DIED, TOO.
I ASKED HIM WHAT HE WAS DOING AND HE SAID THIS:
COULD YOU BURY THESE PEARS ACROSS THE ISLAND FOR ME?
THAT'S RIGHT. I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE MOM IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW.

THE TIME HAS COME TO SAVE EVERYONE ON THIS ISLAND
SHIROBOSHI... YOU NEED TO DO AS JIROCHO TOLD YOU.
BUT YOU ALSO NEED TO DO YOUR BEST TO HOLD OFF THE HUMANS THAT WILL COME TO FIGHT YOU UNTIL THEN.
YOU'LL SEE WHAT THAT IS FOR YOURSELF ON NOON OF THE FIFTH DAY AFTER YOU BURY THEM.
TAKE THESE PEARS AND BURY THEM ALL OVER DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE ISLAND THESE PEARS HAVE A STRANGE POWER...
YOU MUST DO NO SUCH THING.. YOU'LL SEE THAT BURYING THE PEARS WILL BE MUCH MORE USEFUL.
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD ALL DIVIDE THE FRUIT AND EAT IT?
I WANT YOU TO ENTRUST THIS ISLAND TO THE OTHER ANIMALS AND GO ON YOUR OWN JOURNEY.
SHIROBOSHI .. I WANT YOU TO MAKE A PROMISE WITH ME. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SAVE THIS ISLAND..


BUT .. WHY?
YOU NEED TO FIND THE OTHER TIGERS THERE, AND LEARN TO LIVE WITH THEM.
YOU NEED TO GO BACK TO WHERE YOU WERE BORN.
ACROSS THE SEA... TO INDIA.

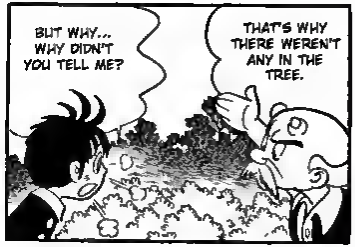
BUT I DECIDED TO TAKE A GAMBLE. TO BELIEVE IN HIS STORY AND DO WHAT HE TOLD ME.
I DON'T KNOW IF WHAT SHIROBOSHI SAW WAS HIS REAL MOTHER OR NOT...

BECAUSE WE TIGERS ARE TRYING TO BE BROUGHT TO EXTINCTION .. BY HUMANS. YOU HAVE TO PROTECT YOUR SPECIES.

AND GOT TO BURYING THE PEARS ALL OVER THE ISLAND.

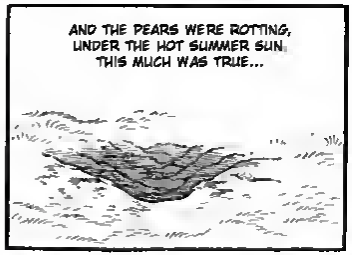
SO I GOT A SHOVEL...

I COULDN'T TRUST THAT YOU OR ANYONE ELSE WOULDN'T DIG THEM UP AND EAT THEM IF I DID!

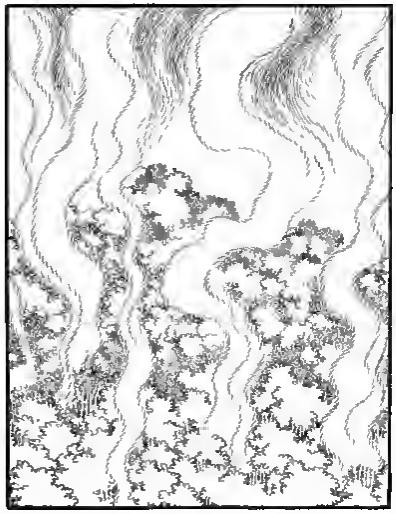

BUT WHY... WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
THAT'S WHY THERE WEREN'T ANY IN THE TREE.

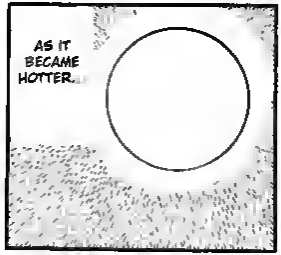
HOW COULD YOU THINK SOME-THING'LL HAPPEN? THEY'RE NO GOOD IN THE GROUND!

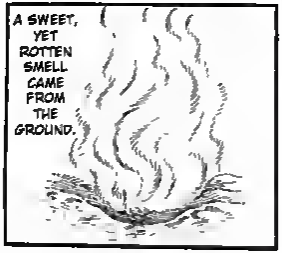
BUT TODAY JUST HAPPENS TO BE THAT FIFTH DAY. IF SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN, IT SHOULD BE SOON. .


AND THE PEARS WERE ROTTING, UNDER THE HOT SUMMER SUN. THIS MUCH WAS TRUE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST LET THEM ALL ROT WHEN WE COULD'VE EATEN THEM!!




AS IT BECAME HOTTER...


A SWEET, YET ROTTEN SMELL CAME FROM THE GROUND.

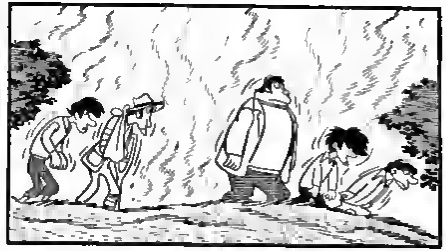
THE SCENT ENVELOPED EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND.

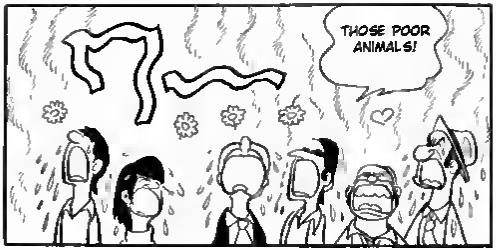
STOP LOAFING, ALL OF YOU! THIS ISN'T ANYTHING BUT...
SOME .. ROT...TEN... FRUI...T...

I FEEL... STRANGE ALL OF A SUDDEN

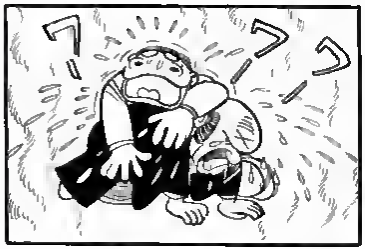
HMM?

WE'VE BEEN DOING SOMETHING HORRIBLE. REALLY, INDEEDLY HORRIBLE...




THOSE POOR ANIMALS!

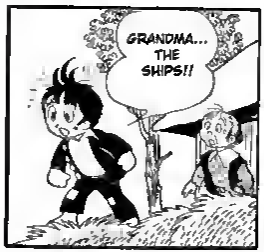
WHY DID I EVER WANT TO DO SOMETHING SO MEAN?

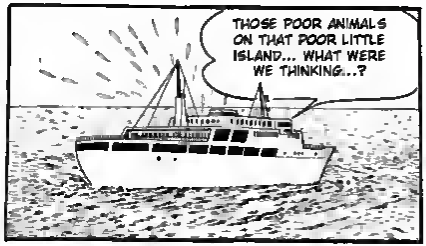


WHY... IT'S JUST TERRIBLE!
TO THINK WE WANTED TO DESTROY THIS ISLAND FOR A FACTORY...

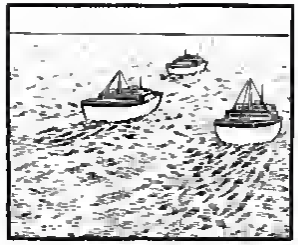
WE'RE SORRY... WE'RE SORRY...

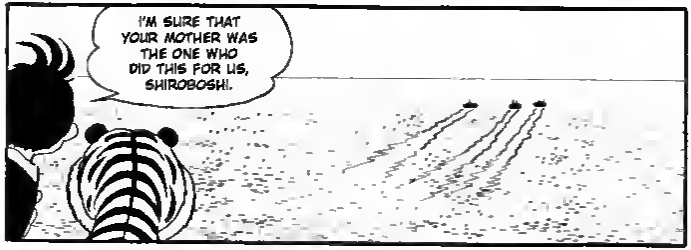
LET'S LEAVE THIS ISLAND ALONE
COME ON EVERYONE. LET'S GO HOME


GRANDMA... THE SHIPS!!

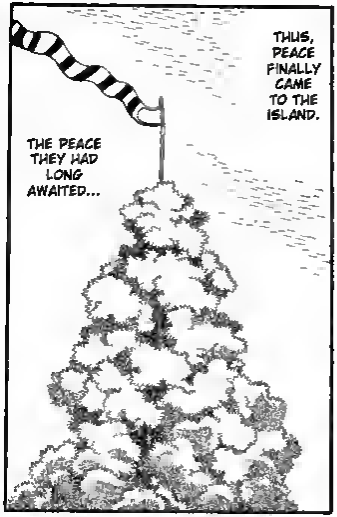

THOSE POOR ANIMALS ON THAT POOR LITTLE ISLAND... WHAT WERE WE THINKING...?

THIS IS SOME KIND OF MIRACLE.
YAJIROBE... THE BAD GUYS... THEY'RE ALL LEAVING!!

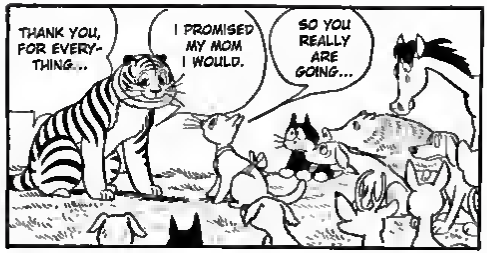


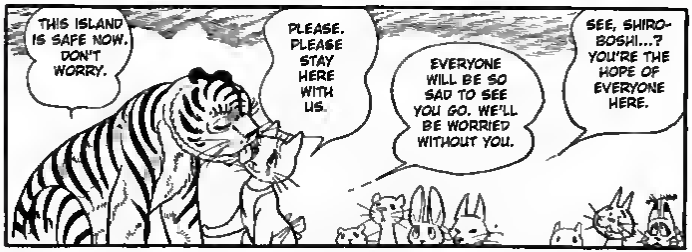

I'M SURE THAT YOUR MOTHER WAS THE ONE WHO DID THIS FOR US, SHIROBOSHI.

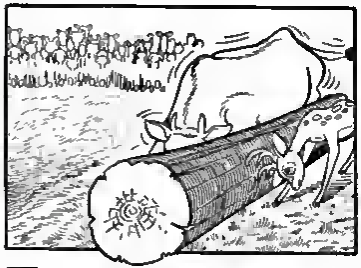
EVERYONE... I'M GOING BACK TO WHERE I WAS BORN. TO INDIA.

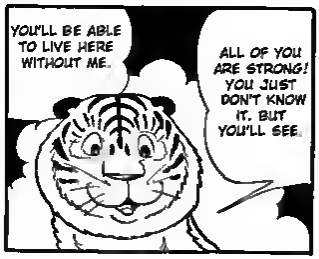

THUS, PEACE FINALLY CAME TO THE ISLAND.
THE PEACE THEY HAD LONG AWAITED...

SHIROBOSHI!! YOU CAN'T GO!! WE NEED YOU HERE! I NEED YOU HERE!!


THANK YOU, FOR EVERY-THING...
I PROMISED MY MOM I WOULD.
SO YOU REALLY ARE GOING...


THIS ISLAND IS SAFE NOW. DON'T WORRY.
PLEASE. PLEASE STAY HERE WITH US.
EVERYONE WILL BE SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO. WE'LL BE WORRIED WITHOUT YOU.
SEE, SHIRO-BOSHI...? YOU'RE THE HOPE OF EVERYONE HERE.



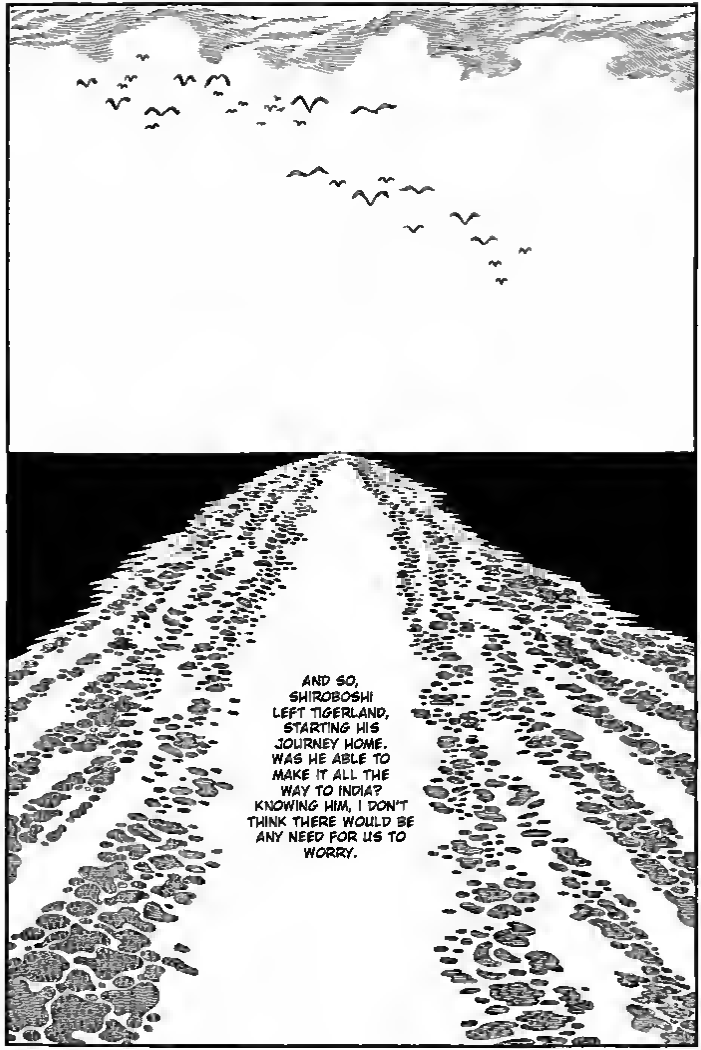

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE WITHOUT ME.
ALL OF YOU ARE STRONG! YOU JUST DON'T KNOW IT. BUT YOU'LL SEE.

WE USED ALL THE PEARS SO WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM ANY-MORE...
... YEAH.

NOT A CLUE.
KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?

OH SHIROBOSHI.. I'LL MISS YOU. YOU'LL FIND A NICE WIFE FOR ME, WON'T YOU?
GOOD-BYE.

WELL, JUST NO NEED TO PUSH YOURSELF. GO YOUR OWN PACE
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE OK IT'S THE SAME SEA YOUR MOTHER CAME HERE ON!
YOU'RE GOING TO GO ON THIS LOG?
GOODBYE, SHIROBOSHI
SHIROBOSHI-!!
GOODBYE, SHIROBOSHI!!
GOODBYE, EVERYONE
BE SURE TO GET ALONG WITH THE OTHER TIGERS!
GO AND MAKE US PROUD!


AND SO, SHIROBOSHI LEFT TIGERLAND, STARTING HIS JOURNEY HOME. WAS HE ABLE TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO INDIA? KNOWING HIM, I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY NEED FOR US TO WORRY.

〔タイガーランド〕 完

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